

Notre Dame Volleyball

Nine-Time BIG EAST Champions • 13 Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances

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NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL (21-1, 10-0)

AUGUST

27 Sat. Michigan (und.com) W, 3-0

SEPTEMBER

The Inn at Saint Mary's Shamrock Invitational

3 Sat. Texas (CSTV, und.com) [11] W, 3-2

4 Sun. Arizona State (und.com) W, 3-2

UTSA Dome Rally (San Antonio, TX)

9 Fri. [19] vs. USC [8] W, 3-1

10 Sat. [19] vs. Oklahoma W, 3-0

11 Sun. [19] vs. Florida [6] W, 3-0

Nokia Sugar Bowl Classic (College Station, TX)

16 Fri. [8] at Tulane W, 3-0

18 Sun. [8] vs. Louisiana State L, 2-3

25 Sun. [11]*Seton Hall (und.com) W, 3-0

27 Tue. [10] at Loyola Chi. (und.com) W, 3-0

30 Fri. [10] *at Syracuse W, 3-0

OCTOBER

2 Sun. [10] *at Marquette W, 3-1

5 Wed. [10] Valparaiso (und.com) W, 3-0

8 Sat. [10] *at St. John's W, 3-1

9 Sun. [10] *at Connecticut W, 3-0

15 Sat. [10] *at DePaul W, 3-0

17 Mon. [9] at Illinois State W, 3-1

21 Fri. [9] *South Florida (und.com) W, 3-0

23 Sun. [9] *Georgetown (und.com) W, 3-0

29 Sat. [7] *Louisville (und.com) [6] W, 3-1

30 Sun. [7] *Cincinnati (ESPNU, und) W, 3-0

NOVEMBER

2 Wed. [5] Saint Louis (und.com) W, 3-0

5 Sat. [5] *at West Virginia 2 p.m.

6 Sun. [5] *at Pittsburgh 2 p.m.

12 Sat. *Villanova (und.com) 10 a.m.

13 Sun. *Rutgers (und.com) 2 p.m.

BIG EAST Championship (Louisville, KY)

18 Fri. Quarterfinals TBA

19 Sat. Semifinals TBA

20 Sun. Final (CSTV) 3:00 p.m.

Irish Thanksgiving Invitational

25 Fri. Louisville vs. Georgia 4:30 p.m.

25 Fri. Rice (und.com) 7 p.m.

26 Sat. Louisville vs. Rice 4:30 p.m.

26 Sat. Tennessee (Comcast, und) 7 p.m.

DECEMBER

NCAA Championship

1-4 First & Second Rounds TBA

8-11 Round of 16 & Quarterfinals TBA

15 Thurs. Semifinals TBA

17 Sat. Final TBA

Note: Number in brackets to left of opponent is

Notre Dame AVCA national ranking at time of

match; number to right of opponent is its AVCA

national ranking at time of match.

Home matches in **bold** and held in Joyce Center.

All times are local.

und.com - indicates match will feature live internet

audio via www.und.com.

#5 Notre Dame (20-1) vs. Saint Louis (13-12)

Wednesday, November 2, 7 p.m. (EST) • Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN

- Live Internet Audio: www.und.com

- Real-Time Stats: www.und.com

- Notre Dame's Salute to Hometown Heroes! Visit B100 to nominate your hero!

- Free drink coasters to the first 500 fans, courtesy of Marathon.

#5 Notre Dame (20-1, 10-0 BIG EAST) vs. West Virginia (15-10, 3-7 BIG EAST)

Saturday, November 5, 2 p.m. (EST) • Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN

#5 Notre Dame vs. Pittsburgh (14-9, 7-3 BIG EAST)

Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m. (EST) • Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN

#5 IRISH VOLLEYBALL HOSTS SAINT LOUIS ON WEDNESDAY BEFORE HEADING ON THE

ROAD FOR TWO BIG EAST MATCHES: The University of Notre Dame women's volleyball team (20-1, 10-0 BIG EAST) -- ranked an all-time high fifth in the CSTV/AVCA poll -- will try to become the first Irish team ever to begin the season with a 21-1 record when it plays host to Saint Louis (13-12) on Wednesday at 7 p.m. (EST) in the Joyce Center. The Irish, now alone atop the BIG EAST Conference standings, will then hit the road over the weekend to play at West Virginia (15-10, 3-7) on Saturday and Pittsburgh (14-9, 7-3) on Sunday, both matches beginning at 2 p.m. (EST)

THE RADIO PLANS: Notre Dame's official athletics website, und.com, features live internet audio broadcasts of all 14 Irish volleyball home matches, as well as one road tilt, in 2005. Stephen Hinkel and Chris Masters, two former collegiate volleyball sports information directors and veterans of announcing Notre Dame volleyball, will have the call for the Saint Louis match. Broadcasts are available to subscribers of Fighting Irish All-Access (details on und.com).

REAL-TIME STATS: Live in-game statistics, courtesy of College Sports Online's GameTracker, will be made available free for Wednesday's match, via the Notre Dame athletics web site, www.und.com.

Irish Items: Highlights of This Notes Package ...

- Notre Dame rose two spots to #5 in this week's CSTV/AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25, which marks the highest ranking in the 26-year varsity history of the Irish program. The Irish are the first team ever to begin the season unranked and then reach the top five of the AVCA poll.

- Notre Dame has matched the best 21-match start in program history, opening 20-1 for the second time. The 1994 squad also did that en route to going 33-4 and finishing 12th (NCAA rd. of 16), but that team lost 3-1 at Florida State in its attempt to become 21-1.

- The Irish began the year 7-0, upsetting #11 Texas (3-2), #8 USC (3-1), and #6 Florida (3-0), and then knocked off #6 Louisville (3-1) last weekend. It is the first time ND has ever beaten more than two top-14 teams in the same regular season.

- ND is 10-0 in BIG EAST play for the ninth time in 11 years of league membership and is the only unbeaten in conference play. For the first time since joining the BIG EAST, ND was not the preseason favorite in 2005 (Louisville was).

- ND has won 13 in a row, which is the 3rd-longest streak in program history (17 in '86, 14 in '03).

- Last weekend, Notre Dame prevailed in the first matchup of top-10 volleyball teams in the Joyce Center since 1996, winning 3-1 against #6 Louisville in front of a crowd of 2,597. It snapped the Cardinals' 20-match winning streak (37 in the regular season, 26 in conference play, 17 on the road).

- Notre Dame came into the week as the only Division I school to appear in the NCAA statistical leaders (30 teams listed) in both blocking (5th, 3.55 per game) and digging (21st, 18.35). ND was in the top five in Division I in blocking from 2001-04, including first in '03 (Brewster was the ind. champ).

- Irish sophomore OH **Adrianna Stasiuk** was tabbed the CVU.com National Player of the Week on Oct. 25 (10 GP, 4.30 K, .396, 3.90 D, 1.50 B, 5.75 pts.), making ND the first school ever to win the award twice (also Brewster on Sept. 5, 2005). Stasiuk also was BIG EAST Player of the Week.

- Notre Dame boasts 2 players in the top 5 in the BIG EAST in both blocking (**Lauren Brewster**, 1st, 1.57 & **Carolyn Cooper**, 3rd, 1.36) & digging (**Meg Henican**, 4th, 4.54 & Stasiuk, 5th, 4.25). ND is the only team with 2 players in the top 10 in points (Brewster, 4th, 5.23 & **Lauren Kelbley**, 7th, 4.66).

- Kelbley, the only Division I hitter to be AVCA all-region the last three years, is seven kills away from becoming the seventh player in Irish history to record 1,300. (Brewster was the sixth, last weekend.)

- ND's offense -- led by sophomore S **Ashley Tarutis**, who is first in the BIG EAST in assists (12.92) & 40-9 as a starter -- has been much improved over the last 13 matches (15.65 K, .292) following a lineup shift (which included switching Henican to libero and Stasiuk to OH). In the first 8 matches, ND had 14.81 kills on .200 hitting. ND is 1st in hitting (.334) and kills (17.04) in league play.

- ND is on pace to break the Irish season records for dig avg. (18.35, record-18.23 in '92) and opponent ace average (0.74, record-0.94 in '03).

- Notre Dame has five seniors on its roster in 2005, making it just the third ND team ever to have that.

- ND leads the all-time series with Saint Louis (7-4), West Virginia (10-2), and Pittsburgh (18-5).

2005 Notre Dame Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown	Notes
<u>Probable Starters</u> (first position is projected starting spot)						
5	Ellen Heintzman*	Fr.	OH	5-11	Louisville, KY	Started last six matches at OH (3.00 K, .319, 1.00 B)
6	Lauren Kelbley***	Sr.	OH/MB	6-2	Bascom, OH	Leads team in aces (30/0.45); 7th in BE in pts., 10th in kills
8	Ashley Tarutis*	So.	S	5-8	Long Beach, CA	.369 team hitting in last 5 matches; 4-1 career vs. top-15
9	Carolyn Cooper***	Sr.	MB/OPP	6-2	Houston, TX	33-3 when she starts; 3rd in BIG EAST in blocking (1.42)
10	Adrianna Stasiuk*	So.	OH/L	5-10	Park Ridge, IL	BE & National Player of Week (4.30 K, .396, 3.90 D, 1.50 B)
11	Danielle Herndon**	So.	DS/L	5-7	Plant City, FL	Starts in back row for Brewster; 2.80 digs last 3 matches
4	Meg Henican*** (c)	Sr.	L/OH	5-10	New Orleans, LA	10+ digs in 43 of last 44 matches; 22 career with 20+ digs
<u>Reserves</u>						
1	Madison Clark	Fr.	DS/S	5-10	Sturgis, MI	Local product; played 18 matches at DS; 10 D vs. Illinois St
2	Mallorie Croal	Fr.	OH	6-1	Villa Park, CA	BE Rookie of Week on Sept. 5; 17 K on .400 vs. Syracuse
3	Kelly Burrell***	Jr.	S	5-10	Phoenix, AZ	Contributor as backup setter and backrow substitute
12	Lauren Brewster*** (c)	Sr.	MB	6-3	Brentwood, TN	4.00 K, .459, 1.60 B in last 6 matches; BE Preseason POY
13	Annie Mokris	Fr.	DS	5-3	Orlando, FL	Played in 6 matches at DS; 3 digs vs. Georgetown
14	Justine Stremick	Fr.	MB	6-2	Langdon, ND	Played in 10 matches; .429 hitting on season, 7 K, 8 B

The Irish in Brief ...

SNAPSHOT OF THE IRISH: Notre Dame's women's volleyball program, now in its 26th varsity season, has experienced a wealth of success since the arrival of head coach Debbie Brown in 1991. Now in her 15th season, Brown has guided Notre Dame to a winning record every year (and 20+ wins in each year but one), compiling a 364-119 (.753) mark. The Irish have earned 13 consecutive berths to the NCAA Championship, including a '93 quarterfinal finish and three trips to the round of 16 (1994, '95, and '97). Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in '95, Notre Dame has dominated the league, winning nine regular-season and eight tournament titles in 10 years. Overall, the Irish are 117-6 (.950) in regular-season BIG EAST play and 19-2 (.905) in conference tournament action. Notre Dame is 65-1 (.984) in BIG EAST regular-season matches in the Joyce Center. The 2005 Irish team returned nine of its top 10 players from last year's squad that was 21-9, won both the regular-season and tournament titles in the BIG EAST and reached the round of 32 in the NCAA tournament. The Irish also were among the top five blocking teams in Division I for the fourth straight year (4th, 3.37 after being 1st in '03), and they returned eight of their top nine blockers from that group. This year's squad is one of the most-veteran groups in program history, featuring five seniors. Plus, all nine returnees had been a starter at some point in the past.

Up front, Notre Dame is led by a potent pair of senior fourth-year starters named Lauren: MB **Lauren Brewster** and OH/MB **Lauren Kelbley** (KELL-blee). Brewster, the 2003 NCAA blocking champ, became the second All-American in program history in 2004, earning third-team accolades from the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). The 2005 BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year after being a first-team all-conference pick twice and the '04 MVP of the league tournament, she has led the conference in blocking in each of the last three years and ranks second in Irish history in career hitting percentage (.313) and block average (1.65). Brewster was the MVP of both of the first two tournaments on the '05 Irish schedule (the Shamrock Invitational and UTSA Dome Rally) and has been the BIG EAST Player of the Week twice (bringing her career total to a program-best eight), as well as the Collegiate Volleyball Update's National Player of the Week on Sept. 5. Kelbley is the only Division I hitter to have been an all-region selection by the AVCA in each of the last three years. She was honorable mention All-America in both 2003 and '04 and came into the season as the only player to rank among the top five in Irish history in career hitting percentage and career kill average. Kelbley began her collegiate career at middle blocker before moving to outside hitter late in 2003 and then leading Notre Dame in kills from that position a year ago.

Senior co-captain OH/L **Meg Henican** (HENN-ih-kin) is back for her third year in the starting lineup. She played mostly libero over the previous two campaigns, but has also seen time at outside hitter (where she played a lot early in '05). Henican turned in the top digging campaign ever by an Irish competitor in 2004, breaking the ND records for digs in a season (553) and season dig average (4.94), plus the marks for digs in any-length match (37 in four games vs. Seton Hall on 10/10/04) and digs in an NCAA-tournament match (27 vs. Valparaiso in the first round). She has had 20+ digs in a match on 23 occasions during her career and 10 or more in 45 of the last 46.

Two other Irish hitters — senior MB/OPP **Carolyn Cooper** and sophomore OH **Adrianna Stasiuk** (stuh-SHEWK) — are back for their second seasons as starters. The veteran stepped into the lineup at middle blocker a month into the '04 campaign and has seen Notre Dame post a 33-3 record with her as a starter through her career. Stasiuk started every match in her rookie season at opposite and was tabbed the BIG EAST Rookie of the Week twice and led the team in service aces (41), becoming just the second ND freshman to hit the 40-ace mark. She missed the first three matches of this season due to injury and has returned to play both libero and outside hitter, posting a career-high 29 digs vs. #8 USC. She was the league's Player of the Week and the CVU.com National Player of the Week on Oct. 24.

The graduation of four-year starter Emily Loomis — who played all across the front row and finished her career fifth in kills (1,321) — opened up one starting spot in the lineup, which has been filled of late by sophomore **Ellen Heintzman** (HIGHNTZ-min). She started eight matches there last year

USA Today/CSTV Top 25 Coaches' Poll (Oct. 31)

No.	School	W-L	LW	VB Mag
1.	Nebraska (57)	21-0	1	1
2.	Washington (3)	20-0	2	2
3.	Penn State	21-2	3	3
4.	Stanford	20-3	5	4
5.	NOTRE DAME	20-1	7	6
6.	Florida	21-2	4	5
7.	Louisville	21-1	6	8
8.	Arizona	16-4	9	12
9.	Hawai'i	17-6	10	7
10.	Wisconsin	17-4	11	13
11.	Santa Clara	20-1	12	9
12.	Brigham Young	20-0	13	10
13.	Missouri	16-3	8	11
14.	Texas	16-3	14	16
15.	Purdue	20-3	16	17
16.	USC	11-7	17	15
17.	Minnesota	18-5	18	14
18.	California	14-6	15	18
19.	Ohio State	15-6	19	NR
20.	Ohio	22-2	21	19
21.	UCLA	11-8	22	NR
22.	San Diego	16-5	20	20
23.	Wichita State	21-2	25	NR
24.	Kansas State	15-7	24	NR
25.	Maryland	22-1	NR	NR

Others receiving points and listed on two or more ballots: Tennessee, Colorado, Saint Mary's, Long Beach State, UC Santa Barbara, Loyola Marymount
Bold indicates 2005 Notre Dame opponent.

Irish Weekly Rankings

Week	AVCA	VB Mag.	Rich Kern.com	RKPI
preseason	arv(27)	--	27	none
Sept. 5	19	none	20	none
Sept. 12	8	8	11	none
Sept. 19	11	10	13	none
Sept. 26	10	10	10	8
Oct. 3	10	10	10	10
Oct. 10	10	10	10	11
Oct. 17	9	10	9	14
Oct. 24	7	8	8	17
Oct. 31	5	6	5	12

Notes: Numbers in parentheses are listings, but not actual rankings. arv = also receiving votes. RKPI is the Rich Kern Percentage Index, which approximates the NCAA's RPI.

BIG EAST Awards

Preseason Player of the Year:

Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame, Sr., MB

Preseason All-BIG EAST Team:

Myanna Hellsten, Jr., MB, Cincinnati

Jennifer Hoffman, Sr., MB, Louisville*

Lena Ustymenko, Sr., OH, Louisville*

Anastasia Yartseva, Jr., OH, Louisville*

Theresa Coughlin, Sr., OH, Marquette

Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame, Sr., MB

Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame, Sr., OH/MB*

Diana Andreyko, So., OH, Pittsburgh

Megan McGrane, Sr., L, Pittsburgh

Gini Ullery, Sr., OH, Pittsburgh

Kristina Fabris, So., MB/RS, South Florida

Kristen Conway, Sr., OH, Syracuse

Kelly Duan, Sr., RS/MB, Syracuse*

* - indicates unanimous selection

Player of the Week:

3-Lena Ustymenko, Sr., OH, UL (9/19, 10/3, 10/17)

2-Lauren Brewster, Sr., MB, ND (9/5, 9/12)

Kim Todd, So., OH/MB, Marquette (10/31)

Adrianna Stasiuk, So., OH, ND (10/24)

Hui Ping Huang, Fr., MB, St. John's (10/10)

Jennifer Hoffman, Sr., MB, Louisville (9/26)

Theresa Coughlin, Sr., OH, Marquette (8/29)

Rookie of the Week:

4-Jessie Nevitt, MB, UC (9/19, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24)

2-Alona Cherkez, OH, Villanova (8/29, 9/12)

Rui Liu, OH, Louisville (10/31)

Nicole Laurence, S, Pittsburgh (10/3)

Mallorie Croal, OH, Notre Dame (9/5)

Kate Verhoff, S, South Florida (10/17)

Times in Double Figures

(season totals, with career in parentheses)

	Kills	Digs	Blocks
4-Meg Henican	3(7)	21(84)	--
12-Lauren Brewster	18(71)	(10)	1(15)
6-Lauren Kelbley	18(80)	1(1)	(1)
2-Mallorie Croal	5	4	--
8-Ashley Tarutis	--	11(23)	--
10-Adrianna Stasiuk	10(24)	14(32)	(1)
11-Danielle Herndon	--	10(23)	--
9-Carolyn Cooper	4(7)	--	2(3)
5-Ellen Heintzman	2(6)	--	--
1-Madison Clark	--	1	--

20-Kill Matches

Lauren Kelbley Season-2; Career-9 (T-5th)

25 vs. #8 USC; 24 at Loyola Chicago

Lauren Brewster Season-3; Career-7 (T-9th)

28 vs. Arizona State; 20 vs. #6 Florida, 20 vs. #6 Louisville

Adrianna Stasiuk Season-2; Career-2

20 at Illinois State, 22 vs. #6 Louisville

20-Dig Matches

Meg Henican Season-6; Career-23

22 vs. Michigan; 21 vs. Arizona State; 22 at

Loyola Chicago; 26 at Syracuse; 22 at St.

John's; 22 vs. #6 Louisville

Danielle Herndon Season-1; Career-2

20 vs. #11 Texas

Adrianna Stasiuk Season-4; Career-4

29 vs. #8 USC; 24 vs. #6 Florida; 24 vs. LSU;

21 at Marquette

Mallorie Croal Season-1

22 vs. Arizona State

and has done so a many times in '05, including in each of the last six contests.

Back in the starting setting role again this season is sophomore **Ashley Tarutis** (tuh-ROO-diss), who took over as the team's top setter in the third match of 2004 and helped the Irish lead the BIG EAST in hitting percentage in league matches (.254). She has a career record of 40-9 as a starter, including 5-1 against top-15 teams, and leads the BIG EAST in assists (12.86). Senior S **Kelly Burrell** (burr-ELLE) is the backup setter, as she has been throughout her career, and also contributes as a back-row substitute.

Junior DS/L **Danielle Herndon** has played in every game this season at either libero or defensive specialist, where she has played of late. She has been a regular throughout her career in that role. Freshman OH **Mallorie Croal** (krole), a *Volleyball* magazine Feb 50 selection, also has seen time as a regular, starting 11 matches at outside hitter. She was the BIG EAST Rookie of the Week on Sept. 5. Freshman DS/S **Madison Clark** has been a frequent back-row sub for Notre Dame this season, while the two other rookies — MB/OPP **Justine Stremick** and DS **Annie Mokris** — have seen some time, as well.

HEAD COACH DEBBIE BROWN: Irish head coach **Debbie Brown** is in her 15th season at the helm of the Notre Dame program. She has led the Irish to a 364-119 (.752) mark, while holding a 481-202 (.703) overall record. Brown's Notre Dame teams have earned 13 consecutive NCAA tournament berths, advancing to the quarterfinals in 1993 and the round of 16 in '94, '95, and '97. Her squads have won 20 or more matches 12 times. A nine-time conference coach of the year and the only four-time BIG EAST Coach of the Year (in addition to four honors in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference and one in the Pac-10), she has coached eight Irish players to All-America honors, while 35 have gained all-BIG EAST mention since 1995. The Irish also have claimed 13 regular-season conference titles (4 Midwestern Collegiate, 9 BIG EAST) and 12 league tournament crowns (4 MCC, 8 BIG EAST). A co-captain of the 1980 U.S. Olympic volleyball team after winning a pair of national championships and earning All-America honors twice while playing at USC, Brown graduated from Arizona State in 1982 and coached her alma mater from 1983-88, helping the Sun Devils to five NCAA tournaments.

ND UP TO ALL-TIME HIGH OF #5 IN CSTV/AVCA POLL: After beating #6 Louisville and Cincinnati to extend its winning streak to 13, Notre Dame rose two spots to #5 in this week's CSTV/AVCA Division I Coaches Poll, released on Monday by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. It is the highest-ever listing for the Irish in the poll after last week had matched the previous high of seventh (first accomplished on Sept. 19, 1995). ND became the first team ever to enter the top five in the AVCA poll after being unranked to begin the year. Notre Dame began the season as the second team receiving votes outside of the AVCA top 25, then moved to 19th on Sept. 5 and to eighth on Sept. 12. A loss dropped the Irish to 11th on Sept. 18, and they edged upward since. This week marks ND's 15th all-time ranking in the top 10. Since being ranked for the first time in the preseason of 1992, the Irish have been listed in the AVCA top 25 at some point in every season except for one (1999). In all, Notre Dame has been ranked in 129 of the 208 polls since then (62%). Only 20 schools have been ranked on more occasions than the Irish since the AVCA rankings debuted in 1982, and just 16 have been in more polls since the commencement of the 1992 campaign. Four of Notre Dame's 2005 opponents — #6 Florida, #7 Louisville, #14 Texas, and #16 Southern California — are also in the top 20, while Tennessee is receiving votes (listed 26th). The Irish and Cardinals have made this season the first time ever that two BIG EAST Conference teams were listed simultaneously in the AVCA poll. ND is the 31st team ever to crack the national top five, the first from the BIG EAST. Notre Dame also moved up two spots to a season-high sixth in the Molten/ *Volleyball* magazine poll this week. It is one shy of the program-best in that listing, which came on Sept. 18, 1995.

BREWSTER TABBED BIG EAST PRESEASON POY; KELBLEY ON ALL-LEAGUE TEAM: Senior middle blocker **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.), a third-team All-American and the conference-tournament MVP in 2004, was tabbed the BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year and is joined by fellow senior OH/MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) on the preseason all-BIG EAST team in voting by the league's head coaches. Brewster is the fourth Notre Dame student-athlete — but first since 2001 — to be named the BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year in the eight years since the award debuted in 1998. Other Irish competitors to enter the season with that distinction were setter **Denise Boylan** in both '98 and 2000 and OPP **Kristy Kreher** in 2001. Only two of the previous seven preseason players of the year have gone on to also be the postseason picks of the coaches as the BIG EAST's best player in the same season: Boylan in 2000 and Pittsburgh's now-graduated Megan Miller a season ago. Notre Dame has placed multiple players on the preseason all-BIG EAST teams in each of its eight years of existence.

STASIUK TABBED CVU.COM NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK, MAKING ND FIRST SCHOOL TO HAVE MULTIPLE HONOREES: Sophomore OH **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) was named the CVU.com National Player of the Week on Tuesday by the Collegiate Volleyball Update. It came on the heels of her being tabbed the BIG EAST Player of the Week after helping Notre Dame to a trio of wins that keyed its rise to #7 in the latest national rankings — matching the program best. Notre Dame is the first school to earn the honor on multiple occasions in the history of the accolade, after senior All-American MB **Lauren Brewster** won it on Sept. 5. In victories against Illinois State, South Florida, and Georgetown, Stasiuk turned in outstanding all-around numbers, averaging 4.30 kills on .396 hitting to go with 3.90 digs and 1.50 blocks for 5.75 points per game. She tallied a total of 43 kills to go with 39 digs, 15 blocks (including eight solos), six assists, and three service aces for 57.5 points. An illustration of her all-around excellence was the fact that Stasiuk posted match-high numbers in a particular statistical category on nine occasions — and in six different categories — last week. She was tops among all players in kills (20), hitting (.349), and points (22.5) vs. the Redbirds; in digs (13), blocks (4), aces (2), and points (14.5) against USF; and in kills (14) and points (20.5) vs. Georgetown.

2005 BIG EAST Conference Standings

(through 10/31)

Rk.	School	Conf.	%	Overall	%	Preseason	ND vs.
1.	Notre Dame	10-0	1.000	20-1	.952	2nd	--
2.	Louisville	9-1	.900	21-1	.955	1st	W, 3-1
3.	Syracuse	9-2	.818	22-7	.759	6th	W, 3-0
4.	Cincinnati	7-3	.700	16-8	.667	4th	W, 3-0
	Pittsburgh	7-3	.700	14-9	.609	3rd	A - 11/6
6.	St. John's	6-4	.600	20-7	.741	14th	W, 3-1
	Villanova	6-4	.600	19-7	.731	12th	H - 11/12
8.	Marquette	6-5	.545	13-10	.565	5th	W, 3-1
9.	Connecticut	4-6	.400	12-12	.500	11th	W, 3-0
	Rutgers	4-6	.400	9-14	.391	15th	H - 11/13
11.	West Virginia	3-7	.300	15-10	.600	8th	A - 11/5
12.	Seton Hall	2-8	.200	12-14	.462	13th	W, 3-0
13.	Georgetown	2-9	.182	6-18	.250	8th	W, 3-0
14.	DePaul	1-9	.100	4-10	.174	11th	W, 3-0
15.	USF	1-10	.091	3-18	.143	10th	W, 3-0

STREAKS: The following streaks are active heading into this week:

- ND has won 13 consecutive matches [last loss: 9/18 vs. Louisiana State, 2-3]
- ND has won nine consecutive home matches [last loss: 11/16/04 vs. Northern Iowa, 2-3]
- ND has won 28 consecutive matches when winning game one [last loss: 10/20/04 at BYU, 2-3]
- ND has won 55 consecutive matches when winning the first two games [last loss: 9/18/02 at Purdue]
- ND has won eight consecutive matches when splitting the first two games [last loss: 11/16/04 vs. Northern Iowa, 2-3]
- ND has won 37 consecutive matches when finishing with a higher hitting percentage than its opponent [last loss: 11/16/03 at Pittsburgh, 2-3, .215-.170 hitting]
- ND has won 30 consecutive matches when finishing with more kills than its opponent [last loss: 11/16/03 at Pittsburgh, 2-3, 69-63 kills]
- ND has won 21 consecutive matches when finishing with more blocks than its opponent [last loss: 11/16/04 vs. Northern Iowa, 2-3, 18.5-15 blocks]
- ND has won 13 consecutive matches lasting three games [last loss: 12/4/04 at Wisconsin, NCAA second round]
- ND has won nine consecutive matches lasting four games [last loss: 9/28/04 at Michigan]
- ND has won 17 consecutive matches not played on neutral courts [last loss: 12/4/04 at Wisconsin, NCAA second round, 0-3]
- ND has won 14 consecutive matches against BIG EAST teams [last loss: 11/7/04 vs. Boston College, 0-3]
- ND has won 14 consecutive matches against the AVCA's Northeast Region [last loss: 11/7/04 vs. Boston College, 0-3]
- ND has won five consecutive matches against nationally-ranked teams [last loss: 9/4/04 vs. #2 Nebraska, 2-3]
- ND has had 50+ kills in 12 consecutive matches [last below: 9/25 vs. Seton Hall, 48]
- ND has allowed fewer than five service aces in 12 consecutive matches [last above: 9/25 vs. Seton Hall, 5]
- ND has had at least one service ace in 191 consecutive matches [last without: 10/9/99 at Rutgers]
- Senior co-captain L/OH **Meg Henican** has had 10+ digs in 16 consecutive matches [last without: 9/10 vs. Oklahoma, 8 digs]
- Senior MB **Lauren Brewster** has had 10+ points in 48 consecutive matches [last without: 9/3/04 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9.5 pts.]
- Sophomore setter **Ashley Tarutis** has had 35+ assists in 16 consecutive matches [last without: 9/10 vs. Oklahoma, 33 assists]
- Senior MB **Lauren Brewster** has had 10+ kills in 10 consecutive matches [last without: 9/30 at Syracuse, 4 kills]
- Senior co-captain L/OH **Meg Henican** has played in each of the last 313 Irish games, the longest streak in school history [last game missed: 11/15/02 at Miami]
- Senior co-captain MB **Lauren Brewster** has played in all 113 matches since stepping onto campus
- Sophomore setter **Ashley Tarutis** has led Notre Dame in assists in all 51 matches as a collegian

Notes On This Week's Matches ...

ND-SAINT LOUIS SERIES NOTES: The Irish and Billikens, formerly rivals in both the North Star and Midwestern Collegiate Conferences, will play for the fourth time since 2000 and the 12th time overall ... ND leads the series 7-4, but the teams have split the last four meetings ... in the most-recent match, ND prevailed 30-25, 30-13, 30-19 in the 2002 Loyola Marymount Classic in Los Angeles ... the last SLU win came in 2001, when it upset #21 ND 16-30, 30-27, 30-21, 30-27 at home ... Saint Louis last played in the Joyce Center in 2000, when the 21st-ranked Irish won 3-0 ... ND is 3-0 all-time at home against SLU ... the Irish lead 28-15 in games won ... 3 of the 4 Saint Louis victories have come

2005 Notre Dame Leaders

Kills

Lauren Brewster	.....311 (4.04)
Lauren Kelbley	.....285 (3.70)
Adrianna Stasiuk	.....186 (2.91)

Hitting %

Carolyn Cooper	..... .307
Lauren Brewster	..... .304
Lauren Kelbley	..... .281

Assists

Ashley Tarutis	.....1005 (13.05)
Meg Henican	..... .29 (0.38)
Adrianna Stasiuk	..... .26 (0.41)

Digs

Meg Henican	.....350 (4.55)
Adrianna Stasiuk	.....264 (4.12)
Danielle Herndon	.....194 (2.52)

Blocks

Lauren Brewster	..... .32/88 (1.56)
Carolyn Cooper	..... .22/81 (1.34)
Lauren Kelbley	..... .18/44 (0.81)

Service Aces

Lauren Kelbley	..... .36 (0.47)
Ashley Tarutis	..... .23 (0.30)
Carolyn Cooper	..... .18 (0.23)

Service Ace-to-Error Ratio

Carolyn Cooper	.....1.50 (18 A, 12 E)
Ashley Tarutis	.....1.21 (23 A, 19 E)
Lauren Kelbley	.....1.13 (36 A, 32 E)

Service Percentage

Carolyn Cooper	..... .964 (297-308)
Ashley Tarutis	..... .944 (305-323)
Danielle Herndon	..... .944 (51-53)

Reception Percentage

Meg Henican	..... .981 (687-700)
Adrianna Stasiuk	..... .969 (432-446)
Danielle Herndon	..... .966 (173-179)

Points

Lauren Brewster	..... .387 (5.23)
Lauren Kelbley	..... .345 (4.66)
Carolyn Cooper	..... .218.5 (2.95)

Irish Double-Doubles

<u>Lauren Brewster</u> -- Season: 1, Career: 18	18 kills, 12 blocks .....vs. #11 Texas
<u>Kelly Burrell</u> -- Season: 0, Career: 2	
<u>Mallorie Croa</u> -- Season: 3	
	15 kills, 10 digs .....vs. #11 Texas
	15 kills, 22 digs .....vs. Arizona State
	19 kills, 16 digs .....vs. Louisiana State
<u>Meg Henican</u> -- Season: 2, Career: 6	15 kills, 21 digs .....vs. Arizona State
	10 kills, 12 digs .....vs. #8 USC
<u>Lauren Kelbley</u> -- Season: 1, Career: 1	18 kills, 10 digs .....vs. Arizona State
<u>Adrianna Stasiuk</u> -- Season: 7, Career: 16	14 kills, 21 digs .....at Marquette
	13 kills, 12 digs .....vs. Valparaiso
	16 kills, 10 digs .....at St. John's
	10 kills, 11 digs .....at Connecticut
	20 kills, 16 digs .....at Illinois State
	14 kills, 10 digs .....vs. Georgetown
	21 kills, 18 digs .....vs. Louisville
<u>Ashley Tarutis</u> -- Season: 11, Career: 23	40 assists, 12 digs .....vs. Michigan
	51 assists, 10 digs .....vs. #11 Texas
	65 assists, 18 digs .....vs. Arizona State
	56 assists, 10 digs .....vs. #8 USC
	46 assists, 13 digs .....vs. #6 Florida
	53 assists, 13 digs .....vs. Louisiana State
	40 assists, 10 digs .....vs. Seton Hall
	35 assists, 11 digs .....at Syracuse
	40 assists, 16 digs .....vs. Valparaiso
	56 assists, 11 digs .....at St. John's

Notre Dame in 2005 ...

(2004 records in parentheses)

at home9-0, W8 (6-5)
away8-0, W7 (9-4)
on neutral courts3-1, L1 (6-0)

in three games13-0, W12 (12-3)
in four games5-0, W8 (6-2)
in five games2-1, L1 (3-4)
in two-point games8-6, W1 (9-9)

vs. ranked opponents4-0, W4 (1-2)
vs. BIG EAST teams9-0, W11 (11-1)
vs. non-con. teams10-1, W3 (10-8)
vs. AVCA Northeast Reg. 9-0, W11 (11-1)

at night6-0, W6 (8-7)
during the day14-1, W7 (13-2)
in tournament play6-1, L1 (7-2)
on television2-0, W1 (0-3)

winning first game16-0, W26 (20-2)
losing first game2-1, W1 (1-7)
winning first two games .13-0, W53 (16-0)
losing first two games0-1, L8 (0-4)
split first two games5-0, W8 (5-5)
leading 2-1 in games5-0, W6 (9-2)
trailing 2-1 in games1-1, L1 (1-3)

higher hitting pct.14-0, W36 (21-0)
lower hitting pct.4-1, W1 (0-9)
more kills14-0, W29 (14-0)
fewer kills4-1, W2 (4-9)
equal kills0-0 (3-0)
more service aces14-1, W9 (17-6)
fewer service aces2-0, W3 (1-3)
equal service aces2-0 (3-0)
more digs9-0, W12 (13-1)
fewer digs8-1, W3 (7-8)
equal digs1-0 (1-0)
more blocks17-0, W21 (20-3)
fewer blocks1-1, W1 (0-6)
equal blocks0-0 (1-0)

longest winning streak11 (5)
longest losing streak1 (3)
longest game winning streak12 (11)
longest game losing streak2 (4)

on game point56-45 (72-75)
when facing game point ..22-11 (33-39)
on match point18-21 (21-15)
when facing match point4-1 (5-9)

Most Total Points:

257, LSU 129, ND 128

Fewest Total Points:

139, ND 90, DePaul 49

Largest Margin of Victory:

41 points, ND 90, DePaul 49

Largest Margin of Defeat:

1 point, LSU 129, ND 128

in 5-game matches ... in '83, the Billikens won 3-2 (15-12 in the 5th) at home in the first-ever meeting between the schools and then duplicated that feat less than a month later in the North Star tournament in Dayton, Ohio (15-3 in the 5th) ... the teams also played a pair of 5-game matches in '90, with ND winning the first (15-12 in the fifth) at home, and SLU taking the second in the MCC tournament 3rd-place match in Cincinnati, Ohio (15-12 in the fifth) ... ND's first win over SLU came at home in '84 in a 3-0 decision, which began a 5-match winning streak ... ND holds a 32-9 all-time record against current members of the Atlantic 10 ... **Debbie Brown** boasts a 17-1 mark vs. the A-10, including a 15-1 record while at ND ... ND had two St. Louis natives and St. Louis Elite VBC products play for them from 2000-03: **Kim Fletcher** (Nerinx Hall H.S.) and **Katie Neff** (Cor Jesu Academy), who is now a member of the ND Monogram Club board of directors ... those are the only two Mo. products ever to play for the Irish ... ND had 11 solo blocks vs. SLU on Sept. 8, 1990, which still stands as the most-ever for the Irish in a 5-game match ... ND had 293 attack attempts on Nov. 17, 1990, which is its most in a match in school history.

CURRENT IRISH vs. SAINT LOUIS: Below are statistics of current Irish players in career matches against Saint Louis.

Brewster 1 MS/MP, 3 GP, 4/1.33 K, **.400** (0 E, 10 TA), 3/1.00 BA, 1.83/5.50 PTS

Burrell 1 MP, 1 GP, 2 A

Cooper 1 MP, 2 GP, 1 BA, 0.5 PTS

Henican 1 MP, 3 GP, 2/0.67 D

Kelbley 1 MS/MP, 3 GP, 8/2.67 K, **.429** (2 E, 14 TA), 4/1.33 SA, 1 BS/3 BA/1.33, 14.5/4.83 PTS

ND-SLU MATCH-BY-MATCH: See below the match scores of all 11 previous contests between the Irish and Billikens. ND holds a 7-4 all-time edge, including 2-1 under head coach **Debbie Brown** and 3-0 at home.

Date	Place	W/L	Ranks	Scores (ND first)
10-26-83	A*	L		15-10, 10-15, 9-15, 15-9, 12-15
11-18-83	N@	L		2-15, 5-15, 15-8, 15-10, 3-15
10-5-84	H*	W		15-11, 15-10, 15-6
11-16-84	N^	W		15-11, 15-4, 10-15, 15-8
10-19-85	A*	W		15-12, 15-10, 15-7
9-20-86	N~	W		15-1, 15-2, 15-6
9-8-90	H#	W		18-16, 9-15, 13-15, 15-12, 15-12
11-17-90	N!	L		15-13, 11-15, 15-13, 14-16, 12-15
11-7-00	H	W	21-	15-5, 15-5, 15-10
10-14-01	A	L	21-	30-16, 27-30, 21-30, 27-30
9-7-02	N&	W		30-25, 30-13, 30-19

@ - at North Star Conference Tournament (Dayton, Ohio)

^ - at North Star Conference Tournament (Chicago, Ill.)

~ - at Bradley Invitational (Peoria, Ill.)

! - at MCC Championship (Cincinnati, Ohio)

& - at Loyola Marymount Classic (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Notes: Ranks column has Notre Dame rank-Saint Louis rank at time of match.

ND-WVU SERIES NOTES: The Irish and the Mountaineers will meet for the 12th consecutive season and 13th time overall ... Notre Dame has won 10 of the previous 12 contests, including each of the last six ... the Irish were victorious 30-23, 30-25, 30-19 in 2004 in the Joyce Center ... ND is 4-1 at WVU, including three straight victories ... the teams played twice before the Irish joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1995 ... in the first-ever meeting, West Virginia won 15-10, 7-15, 4-15, 15-12, 15-9 in the National Invitation Volleyball Championship postseason tournament in Fairborn, Ohio ... the Irish gained their first win over the Mountaineers in 1994 in the Joyce Center in four games ... after winning the next three in straight games, Notre Dame lost 15-3, 15-5, 15-7 in Morgantown in 1998, which marked just the second loss to a conference team in 50 matches since becoming a BIG EAST member ... the Irish lead 32-9 in games won ... in the NIVC match, Notre Dame's **Jessica Fiebelkorn** posted the highest hitting percentage ever for an ND player in a five-game match, with 13 kills and only two errors on 20 swings for a .550 mark ... in '94, the Irish set a Joyce-Center record with 15 service aces, including six by Angie Harris, which is tied for the third-highest total in school history.

CURRENT IRISH vs. WEST VIRGINIA: Below are statistics of current Irish players in career matches against West Virginia.

Brewster 3 MS/MP, 10 GP, 32/3.20 K, **.403** (5 E, 67 TA), 10/1.00 D, 1 BS/19 BA/2.00, 2/0.20 SA, 1/0.10 A, 44.5/4.45 PTS

Burrell 3 MP, 7 GP, 1 K, 1 TA, 1 BA, 12/1.71 A, 1.5/0.13 PTS

Cooper 1 MS/3 MP, 8 GP, 19/2.38 K, **.400** (5 E, 35 TA), 9/1.13 D, 2 BS/12 BA/0.74, 1/0.13 SA, 28/3.50 PTS

Heintzman 1 MS/MP, 3 GP, 7/2.33 K, .182 (3 E, 22 TA), 1/0.33 D, 1/0.33 BA, 7.5/2.5 PTS

Henican 3 MP, 7 GP, 39/5.57 D, 3/0.43 A

Herndon 2 MP, 5 GP, 1 TA, 6/1.20 D

Kelbley 2 MS/MP, 5 GP, 13/2.60 K, **.333** (4 E, 27 TA), 1/0.20 D, 6/1.20 BA, 2/0.40 SA, 1/0.20 A, 18/3.60 PTS

Stasiuk 1 MS/MP, 3 GP, 6/2.00 K, -.105 (8 E, 19 TA), 16/5.33 D, 1 BS/3 BA/1.33, 3/1.00 SA, 5/1.67 A, 11.5/3.83 PTS

Tarutis 1 MS/MP, 3 GP, 1/0.33 K, .143 (0 E, 7 TA), 5/1.67 D, 4/1.33 SA, 39/**13.00 A**, 5/1.67 PTS

ND-WVU MATCH-BY-MATCH: See below the match scores of all 12 previous contests between the Irish and Mountaineers. ND holds a 10-2 all-time edge, including 9-1 in BIG EAST action and 4-1 in Morgantown.

Date	Place	W/L	Ranks	Scores (ND first)
12-5-91	N@	L		10-15, 15-7, 15-4, 12-15, 9-15
9-5-94	H	W	17-	15-4, 11-15, 15-2, 15-4
10-6-95	H+	W	10-	15-7, 15-7, 15-1
10-19-96	A+	W	22-	15-0, 15-3, 15-11
11-7-97	H+	W		15-2, 15-5, 15-10
11-15-98	A+	L		3-15, 5-15, 7-15
10-1-99	H+	W		15-7, 15-6, 15-9
10-7-00	A+	W	20-	15-0, 15-7, 15-4
11-3-01	A+	W	23-	30-26, 24-30, 30-27, 30-20
10-27-02	H+	W		30-23, 30-20, 28-30, 30-20
11-15-03	A+	W	12-	30-22, 30-25, 30-20
11-14-04	H+	W		30-23, 30-25, 30-19

@ - at NIVC Tournament (Fairborn, Ohio)

Notes: Ranks column has Notre Dame rank-West Virginia rank at time of match.

ND-PITT SERIES NOTES: ND and UP will meet for the 14th consecutive season and 24th time overall ... ND has won 18 of the previous matches against its most-common opponent ... the 14-year streak of at least one contest against the Panthers also is the longest vs. any current foe ... the teams met twice in both 2003 and '04, once in the regular season and again in the BIG EAST tournament final ... after ND had won 15 straight, the Panthers prevailed twice in '03 (when the teams were the league's co-champs in the regular season), but the Irish struck back last season, winning 30-25, 30-22, 30-19 at home in the regular season and 30-23, 30-26, 30-26 at Pittsburgh in the postseason ... ND is 15-4 all-time at Pittsburgh, including 7-3 vs. the Panthers (other matches in BIG EAST tournament) ... the schools first met in 1984 in Pittsburgh, with the Panthers winning 3-0 ... the Irish eliminated Pitt from the 1994 NCAA tournament second round with a four-game win in the Joyce Center ... the BIG EAST era has seen the Irish win 14 of 16 matches, with the teams playing in the league tournament on six occasions ... ND leads in games won 56-30 ... these were the only two BIG EAST teams to earn bids to the 2004 NCAA tournament ... libero **Meg Henican** had 25 digs in both matches in '04, totals that have been surpassed in three-game matches just three times in ND history.

CURRENT IRISH vs. PITTSBURGH: Below are statistics of current Irish players in career matches against Pittsburgh.

Brewster	5 MS/MP, 18 GP, 57/3.17 K, .306 (16 E, 134 TA), 19/1.06 D, 7 BS/32 BA/ 2.17 , 3/0.17 SA, 1 A, 83/ 4.61 PTS
Burrell	5 MP, 12 GP, 1 K, 2 TA, 2/0.17 D, 17/1.42 A, 1 PT
Cooper	2 MS/4 MP, 12 GP, 12/1.00 K, .132 (7 E, 38 TA), 5/0.42 D, 2 BS/3 BA/0.42 BA, 1/0.08 A, 15.5/1.29 PTS
Henican	5 MP, 16 GP, 2/0.13 K, .000 (2 E, 8 TA), 96/ 6.00 D , 1/0.06 BA, 11/0.69 A, 3.5/0.22 PTS
Herndon	4 MP, 14 GP, 3 TA, 31/2.21 D, 3/0.21 A
Kelbley	5 MS/MP, 18 GP, 61/3.39 K, .262 (22 E, 149 TA), 15/0.83 D, 6 BS/14 BA/ 1.11 , 2/0.11 SA, 1/0.06 A, 76/ 4.22 PTS
Stasiuk	2 MS/MP, 6 GP, 16/2.67 K, .140 (8 E, 57 TA), 27/ 4.50 D , 1 BS/ 3 BA/0.67, 2/0.33 SA, 6/1.00 A, 20.5/3.42 PTS
Tarutis	2 MS/MP, 6 GP, 5/0.83 K, .267 (1 E, 15 TA), 14/2.33 D, 1 BS/3 BA/0.67, 75/ 12.50 A , 7.5/1.25 PTS

ND-PITT MATCH-BY-MATCH: See below the match scores of all 23 previous contests between the Irish and Panthers. ND holds an 18-5 advantage, including 17-2 under head coach **Debbie Brown**, 14-2 (9-1 regular season, 5-1 tournament) as BIG EAST rivals, and 8-3 in Pittsburgh.

Date	Place	W/L	Ranks	Scores (ND first)
11-3-84	A	L		4-15, 11-15, 10-15
11-9-86	H	W		13-15, 15-10, 15-11, 15-10
9-16-89	H@	L		7-15, 5-15, 7-15
10-27-90	A	L	-19	6-15, 9-15, 7-15
10-10-92	H^	W	25-	15-6, 15-5, 15-0
11-14-93	A	W	18-	15-2, 15-1, 15-8
12-4-94	H~	W	12-	9-15, 15-11, 15-13, 15-13
10-22-95	H+	W	12-	15-13, 15-9, 14-16, 15-8
11-19-95	H!	W	14-	5-15, 15-7, 15-1, 15-4
11-2-96	A+	W	24-	15-9, 15-10, 15-8
11-24-96	A?	W		15-5, 15-6, 13-15, 15-10
11-9-97	H+	W		15-2, 15-13, 14-16, 15-5
11-22-97	N%	W		15-7, 15-11, 15-9
11-14-98	A+	W		15-10, 15-11, 9-15, 4-15, 21-19
11-21-98	A\$	W		15-10, 14-16, 15-8, 16-14
10-3-99	H+	W		15-8, 6-15, 15-11, 11-15, 15-8
10-8-00	A+	W	20-	15-9, 10-15, 16-14, 16-14
11-4-01	A+	W	23-	30-27, 30-24, 30-22
10-25-02	H+	W		23-30, 30-28, 30-28, 30-13

BIG EAST Leaders

All Matches (as of 10/24)

INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage

- Jennifer Hoffman, Louisville455
- 10. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame** **.300**

Kills

- Lena Ustylenko, Louisville5.12
- Diana Andreyko, Pittsburgh* *4.93*
- 7. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame** **4.08**
- Stephanie Zolna, West Virginia* *4.93*
- Gini Ullery, Pittsburgh* *4.93*

Assists

- 1. Ashley Tarutis, Notre Dame** **12.92**
- Nicole Taurence, Pittsburgh* *11.40*
- Kailee Goold, West Virginia* *11.16*

Aces

- Diana Andreyko, Pittsburgh* *0.59*
- 5. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame** **0.47**
- Stephanie Zolna, West Virginia* *0.38*

Blocks

- 1. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame** **1.57**
- 4. Carolyn Cooper, Notre Dame** **1.36**

Digs

- Megan McGrane, Pittsburgh* *5.46*
- Aurora Ebert-Santos, West Virginia* *5.21*
- 4. Meg Henican, Notre Dame** **4.54**
- 5. Adrianna Stasiuk, Notre Dame** **4.25**

Points

- Lena Ustylenko, Louisville5.99
- Diana Andreyko, Pittsburgh* *5.80*
- 4. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame** **5.23**
- 7. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame** **4.66**
- Stephanie Zolna, West Virginia* *4.38*

TEAM

Hitting Percentage

- Louisville30
- 3. Notre Dame** **.252**
- Pittsburgh* *.204*
- West Virginia* *.177*

Opponent Hitting Percentage

- Louisville144
- 3. Notre Dame** **.160**
- West Virginia* *.171*
- Pittsburgh* *.196*

Assists

- St. John's15.14
- 3. Notre Dame** **14.76**
- Pittsburgh* *13.75*
- West Virginia* *13.45*

Kills

- Louisville16.69
- 3. Notre Dame** **16.07**
- Pittsburgh* *14.83*
- West Virginia* *14.61*

Blocks

- 1. Notre Dame** **3.55**
- Pittsburgh* *2.18*
- West Virginia* *2.10*

Aces

- Syracuse1.87
- Villanova1.87
- 4. Notre Dame** **1.70**
- Pittsburgh* *1.67*
- West Virginia* *1.60*

Digs

- 1. Notre Dame** **18.35**
- West Virginia* *17.46*
- Pittsburgh* *15.33*

Notre Dame listings in **bold**. This week's opponents in *italics*.

BIG EAST Leaders

Conference Matches Only (as of 10/24)

INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage

1. Jennifer Hoffman, Louisville457
2. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame415
5. Jessie Nevitt, Cincinnati377
6. Lena Ustymenko, Louisville361
7. Ana Yartseva, Louisville342

8. Lauren Kelbley339

Kills

1. Lena Ustymenko, Louisville522

8. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame4.00

Assists

1. Noel Olson, Cincinnati13.25

2. Ashley Tarutis, Notre Dame13.04

Aces

1. Lena Ustymenko, Louisville0.59

6. Adrianna Stasiuk, Notre Dame ...0.42

Blocks

1. Jennifer Hoffman, Louisville1.62

4. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame1.50

8. Stephanie Marsh, Louisville1.26

10. Ana Yartseva, Louisville1.23

Digs

1. Megan McGrane, Pittsburgh6.32

2. Melissa Zenz, Cincinnati5.09

4. Meg Henican, Notre Dame4.96

Points

1. Lena Ustymenko, Louisville6.11

5. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame5.19

8. Adrianna Stasiuk, Notre Dame ...4.63

10. Jessie Nevitt, Cincinnati4.45

TEAM

Hitting Percentage

1. Notre Dame334

2. Louisville315

5. Cincinnati225

Opponent Hitting Percentage

1. Louisville132

2. Notre Dame140

8. Cincinnati207

Assists

1. St. John's16.07

2. Notre Dame15.73

4. Cincinnati14.81

5. Louisville14.74

Kills

1. Notre Dame17.04

2. St. John's16.77

5. Cincinnati16.19

6. Louisville16.19

Blocks

1. Louisville3.74

2. Notre Dame3.35

8. Cincinnati2.28

Aces

1. Notre Dame1.81

2. Louisville1.74

13. Cincinnati1.22

Digs

1. Villanova18.19

2. Notre Dame17.46

4. Cincinnati16.53

8. Louisville15.33

Notre Dame listings in **bold**. This week's opponents in *italics*.

11-16-03	A+	L	12-	30-20, 26-30, 25-30, 30-13, 13-15
11-23-03	H!	L	17-	20-30, 26-30, 29-31
11-12-04	H+	W		30-25, 30-22, 30-19
11-21-04	A?	W		30-23, 30-26, 30-26

@ - Notre Dame Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)

^ - Golden Dome Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)

~ - NCAA Tournament Second Round (Notre Dame, Ind.)

! - BIG EAST Championship match (Notre Dame, Ind.)

? - at BIG EAST Championship match (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

% - at BIG EAST Championship (South Orange, N.J.)

\$ - at BIG EAST Championship (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

Notes: Ranks column has Notre Dame rank-Pittsburgh rank at time of match.

MOST-COMMON OPPONENTS IN IRISH HISTORY: See below the list of most-common opponents faced by Notre Dame in its 26 years of varsity volleyball.

School	Matches	ND Record
Pittsburgh	23	18-5
Valparaiso	23	20-3
Butler	19	13-6
Illinois State	18	12-6
Purdue	18	7-11
Loyola Chicago	17	14-3
Georgetown	16	15-1
Connecticut	16	15-1
Kentucky	16	7-9
Louisville	16	13-3

MOST WINS AGAINST ONE SCHOOL: See below the list of teams Notre Dame has defeated most in its 26 years of varsity volleyball.

School	ND Record
Valparaiso	20-3
Pittsburgh	18-5
Connecticut	15-1
Georgetown	15-1
Loyola Chicago	14-3
Butler	13-6
Louisville	13-3
Syracuse	13-1
Villanova	13-0
Rutgers	12-0

UPDATE ON THE AVCA TOP FIVE: See below last week's results and this week's schedule for the top five teams in the AVCA poll:

#1 Nebraska (21-0, 12-0 Big 12) — Last week: def. Kansas 3-0, def. Texas Tech 3-0; This week: Wednesday vs. Oklahoma 6-16, 1-2 Big 12), Saturday at Iowa State (13-11, 6-7 Big 12)

#2 Washington (20-0, 11-0 Pac-10) — Last week: def. #9 Arizona 3-2, def. Arizona State 3-0; This week: Wednesday vs. #4 Stanford (20-3, 9-2 Pac-10), Friday vs. #18 California (14-6, 7-4 Pac-10)

#3 Penn State (21-2, 12-0 Big Ten) — Last week: def. #11 Wisconsin 3-1, def. Northwestern 3-0; This week: Wednesday vs. #19 Ohio State (15-6, 8-4 Big Ten); Friday at Indiana (9-15, 2-10 Big Ten)

#4 Stanford (20-3, 9-2 Pac-10) — Last week: def. Oregon 3-0, def. Oregon State 3-0; This week: Wednesday at #2 Washington (20-0, 11-0 Pac-10); Friday at Washington State (8-16, 1-10 Pac-10)

Notre Dame Team Notes ...

13 IN A ROW: Notre Dame has won 13 consecutive matches since losing to LSU on Sept. 16 (20-18 in the fifth). It is the seventh time in program history the Irish have won 10 or more matches in a row. It is the longest streak since a 14-match winning streak from Sept. 17-Nov. 9 in 2003. That is the second-longest string in ND history, behind only a 17-match streak from Oct. 24-Nov. 21, 1986.

START ME UP: Notre Dame has begun the season 20-1, matching the best 19-match start in Irish history, done previously by the '94 squad. That team began 20-1 en route to a program-best 33-4 record and a program-best #12 final ranking, losing in the NCAA round of 16. That team lost 3-1 at Florida State in its bid to become 21-1.

DE-FENSE, DE-FENSE: Heading into this week, *Notre Dame is the only team to rank among the NCAA Division I leaders (30 teams are ranked) in both blocks per game and digs per game.*

The Irish, who have finished in the top five in the category for four straight years, are fifth in blocking, at 3.55. Notre Dame — which has never finished among the national leaders and has never ended up better than fifth in the BIG EAST in the category — ranks 21st in Division I (and first in the conference) with 18.35 per game.

BLOCK PARTY: The Irish are once again one of the top blocking teams in the nation, coming into the weekend ranked fifth nationally, at 3.55 per game. Notre Dame, which has led the BIG EAST Conference in each of the last four years and has been among the top five blocking teams in the

NCAA in all of those seasons, returned eight of its top nine blockers from last year's squad that averaged 3.37 per game, good enough for fourth nationally. After being fifth in 2001 (3.53) and second in '02 (3.66), the Irish led Division I in team blocking in 2003 (3.72). Senior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.), the BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year, has led the conference in blocking in both overall and league action in each of her three collegiate seasons. After setting Notre Dame freshman records in both total blocks (175) and block average (1.68) and coming in fourth nationally in 2002, she was the NCAA blocking champ in 2003 (1.78) and finished 21st last season (1.54). Brewster and fellow senior MB **Carolyn Cooper** (Houston, Texas/Lutheran South Academy) rank first and third, respectively, in this week's conference leaders at 1.58 and 1.42 blocks per game. Brewster is 11th nationally.

TOUGH TO KNOCK OUT: Notre Dame has been outstanding when facing game point this season, winning 23 points and losing just 12 when the opposition is on the verge of winning the game. The Irish are 4-1 when facing match point. On three occasions this year, ND has been down game point, but then won the game (game two vs. Texas & USC, game one vs. Valparaiso). Plus, the Irish saved five game points in the first game at St. John's before losing 30-28.

HUGE HITTING: After struggling early in the season, Notre Dame's offense has caught fire of late, posting the three highest attack percentages of the season over the past six matches and hitting over .350 in four of the last seven (after doing that just once in the first 14 matches of 2005). The Irish hit .355 at Connecticut on Oct. 9 and then posted the highest mark in 20 years and the second-highest all-time on Oct. 15, with a .522 hitting mark at DePaul. After hitting .231 at Illinois State, Notre Dame hit .451 against South Florida on Oct. 21 and .393 vs. Georgetown two days later. Over those seven matches, the Irish have hit over .300 in 13 of the 23 games, including over .400 in eight of them.

SENIOR CITIZENS: Notre Dame has five seniors on its roster in 2005: MB **Lauren Brewster**, S **Kelly Burrell**, MB **Carolyn Cooper**, L/OH **Meg Henican**, and OH/MB **Lauren Kelbley**. The last Irish volleyball team to feature five seniors was the 2000 squad, which boasted S **Denise Boylan**, OH **Christi Girton**, S/DS **Michelle Graham**, MB/OPP **Jo Jameyson**, and OH **Adrienne Shimmel**. That team went 26-7 and finished ranked 21st after losing in five games at Ohio State in the round of 32 of the NCAA tournament. This is just the third time in the 26-year history of the varsity program that a team has featured five or more seniors. The other squad was the '92 one, which had DS **Andrea Armento**, OH **Marilyn Cragin**, MB **Jessica Fiebelkorn**, MB **Cynthia May**, MB **Majenica Rupe**, OH **Jen Slosar**, and OH **Alicia Turner**. That team went 30-8 and finished 22nd, falling in the round of 32 of the NAATAs.

THE IRISH EXPERIENCE: Notre Dame has one of its most-experienced teams in 2005, as the Irish returned nine of their top 10 players (in terms of games played) from last year's squad. All nine of Notre Dame's returnees had been starters in the past, heading into the year having combined for 284 career starts (31.6 per person). A pair of fourth-year starters – seniors MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and OH/MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) – lead the Irish veterans, along with third-year starter L/OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.), as well as three other returning starters: senior MB/OPP **Carolyn Cooper** (Houston, Texas/Lutheran South Academy) and sophomores S **Ashley Tarutis** (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) and OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.). Heading into this season, Notre Dame's roster had players who had combined to play in 1,790 career games. See below Irish teams with the most combined career games played heading into the season:

Year	Games	W-L, Ranking	Team Leaders (kills, assists, digs, blocks)
1992	1,824	30-8, 22nd	Christy Petes, Janelle Karlan, Jessica Fiebelkorn, Fiebelkorn
2003	1,809	23-7, 24th	Emily Loomis, Kristen Kinder, Meg Henican, Lauren Brewster
2005	1,790	18-1, 7th	Lauren Brewster, Ashley Tarutis, Meg Henican, Brewster
2000	1,680	26-7, 21st	Christi Girton, Denise Boylan, Kristy Kreher, Malinda Goralski
1996	1,679	22-12, 25th	Jenny Birkner, Carey May, Birkner, Mary Leffers

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LINEUP SWITCH LEADS TO OFFENSIVE FIREWORKS: After eight matches, Notre Dame's offense was averaging just 14.81 kills per game (10th out of 15 in the BIG EAST) on a .200 attack percentage (10th), plus 13.52 assists per game (8th). Head coach **Debbie Brown** responded by shifting her lineup, using mostly the same players, but altering rotations, sliding senior co-captain **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) into the libero and moving sophomore **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) from there to outside hitter, and using junior DS/L **Danielle Herndon** (Plant City, Fla./Durant H.S.) and senior S **Kelly Burrell** (Phoenix, Ariz./Xavier College Prep School) as back-row substitutes. The alterations have resulted in a much-improved Irish attack, as sophomore setter **Ashley Tarutis** (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) has Notre Dame averaging 16.98 kills and 15.65 assists on .292 hitting over the last 13 matches.

DYNAMITE DIGGING: Notre Dame has put up some outstanding dig numbers this season, averaging a BIG EAST best 18.35 per game (the Irish came into the week ranked 21st nationally in the category). The season average is higher than the ND record in the category (18.23 in 1992). Leading the way are two players that rank among the top five in the BIG EAST, senior co-captain L/OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) and sophomore OH/L **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.). Henican — who broke the Irish individual record for digs in a season in

NCAA Leaders

(as of 10/23)

INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage

1. Lindsay Hartssock, BYU470
3. Jennifer Hoffman, Louisville457

Kills

1. Laura Jones, Texas A&M5.80
9. Lena Ustyrenko, Louisville5.13

Assists

1. Courtney Thompson, Wash. . . .15.07

Blocks

1. Melissa Elmer, Nebraska2.38
11. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame .1.58
30. Jennifer Hoffman, Louisville1.45

Digs

1. Debora Seilhamer, USC6.37
26. Melissa Zenz, Cincinnati5.29

Aces

1. Mary Hock, Winthrop1.06

TEAM

Hitting Percentage

1. Washington376
10. Louisville299

Kills

1. Ohio17.96
15. Louisville16.50

Assists

1. Ohio16.74

Aces

1. Mississippi Valley State4.33

Blocks

1. Nebraska4.21
2. Saint Mary's3.84
3. Notre Dame3.64
9. Louisville3.45

Digs

1. Murray State20.50
20. Notre Dame18.25

Winning Percentage

1. BYU/Louisville/Nebraska/Wash. 1.000
9. Notre Dame947

Irish Opponent Update

Wins

- #4/4 Florida (20-1, 10-0 Southeastern), 3-0
- #14/20 Texas (14-3, 9-2 Big 12), 3-2
- #17/16 USC (10-7, 6-3 Pac-10), 3-1
- #26 Michigan (10-9, 4-6 Big Ten), 3-0
- #64 St. John's (18-7, 4-4 BIG EAST), 3-1
- #67 Syracuse (19-7, 7-2 BIG EAST), 3-0
- #90 Valparaiso (19-5, 8-1 Mid-Continent), 3-0
- #99 Illinois State (13-8, 9-2 Missouri Valley), 3-1
- #129 Connecticut (10-12, 2-6 BIG EAST), 3-0
- #131 Seton Hall (12-12, 2-6 BIG EAST), 3-0
- #137 Arizona State (6-13, 1-8 Pac-10), 3-2
- #143 Oklahoma (5-15, 0-11 Big 12), 3-0
- #146 Marquette (11-10, 4-5 BIG EAST), 3-1
- #205 Georgetown (6-16, 2-7 BIG EAST), 3-0
- #208 South Florida (3-16, 1-8 BIG EAST), 3-0
- #224 Loyola Chicago (6-16, 4-5 Horizon), 3-0
- #236 Tulane (2-9, 1-7 Conference USA), 3-0
- #243 DePaul (4-17, 1-7 BIG EAST), 3-0

Losses

- #34 Louisiana State (16-5, 6-4 Southeastern), 3-2

Remaining Matches

- #6/3 Louisville (20-0, 8-0 BIG EAST)
- #31/21 Tennessee (12-7, 6-3 Southeastern)
- #39 Cincinnati (15-7, 6-2 BIG EAST)
- #62 Pittsburgh (13-9, 6-3 BIG EAST)
- #72 Rice (13-7, 4-5 Conference USA)
- #81 Villanova (19-5, 6-2 BIG EAST)
- #115 Saint Louis (12-12, 5-4 Atlantic 10)
- #141 Rutgers (9-12, 4-4 BIG EAST)
- #150 West Virginia (14-10, 2-7 BIG EAST)

Notes: ND match score follows each team's record.
Rankings are AVCA poll (below #25 unofficial)/Rich

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INDIVIDUAL – CAREER

Percentage of Matches Played

1.	Janelle Karlan (90-93)	(145-145)	1.000
1.	Jenny Birkner (93-96)	(140-140)	1.000
1.	Lauren Brewster	(111-111)	1.000
6.	Jaimie Lee (1994-97)	(136-139)	.978
7.	Lauren Kelbley	(108-111)	.973
7.	Meg Henican	(108-111)	.973

Percentage of Games Played

1.	Jenny Birkner (93-96)	(473-490)	.9653
2.	Lauren Brewster	(387-401)	.9651
3.	Emily Loomis (2001-04)	(420-437)	.961
4.	Lauren Kelbley	(380-401)	.948
5.	Jaimie Lee (1994-97)	(451-482)	.936
6.	Janelle Karlan (1990-93)	(491-529)	.928
7.	Meg Henican	(370-401)	.923

Consecutive Games Played

1.	Meg Henican		.306
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Kills

5.	Emily Loomis (2001-04)		1,321
6.	Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)		1,299
7.	Christi Girtton (1997-2000)		1,286
8.	Lauren Brewster		1,282
9.	Lauren Kelbley		1,289

Kill Average

3.	Zanette Bennett (1985-88)		3.44
4.	Lauren Kelbley		3.34
5.	Lauren Brewster		3.31
6.	Christi Girtton (1997-2000)		3.30

Matches With Team-High Kills

5.	Jaimie Lee (1994-97)		.41
6.	Christi Girtton (1997-2000)		.40
7.	Lauren Brewster		.39
T9.	Cragin (1989-92)/Fiebelkom (1989-92)		.35
T11.	Kristy Kreher (1998-2001)		.32
T11.	Lauren Kelbley		.32

Matches With 10+ Kills

1.	Angie Harris (1994-97)		.88
2.	Christy Peters (1991-94)		.80
3.	Lauren Kelbley		.77
4.	Emily Loomis (2001-04)		.72
T5.	Bennett (1985-88)/Kreher (1998-2001)		.70
T5.	Lauren Brewster		.70

Matches With 20+ Kills

4.	Jaimie Lee (1994-97)		.14
T5.	Kristy Kreher (1998-2001)		.9
T5.	Lauren Kelbley		.9
T9.	Girtton/Cunningham/Waller		.6
T9.	Lauren Brewster		.6

Combined Kills By Classmates

1.	Angie Harris/Jaimie Lee (1994-97)		3,023
2.	Zanette Bennett/Maureen Shea (85-88)		2,664
3.	Christy Peters/Nicole Coates (1991-94)		2,584
4.	Lauren Brewster/Lauren Kelbley		2,551

Hitting Percentage

1.	Malinda Goralski (1998-2001)		.361
2.	Lauren Brewster		.313
3.	Kristy Kreher (1998-2001)		.306
6.	Zanette Bennett (1985-88)		.2894
7.	Lauren Kelbley		.2886
8.	Mary Kay Waller (1985-88)		.279

Assists

5.	Carey May (1994-97)		2,793
6.	Ashley Tarutis		2,000

Assist Average

1.	Denise Boylan (1997-2000)		12.37
2.	Carey May (1994-97)		12.09
3.	Ashley Tarutis		11.17
4.	Shannon Tuttle (1992-94)		11.07

Service Aces

7.	Zanette Bennett (1985-88)		.111
8.	Nicole Coates (1991-94)		.108
10.	Lauren Kelbley		.107

Service Ace Average (min. 50 aces)

3.	Jessica Kinder (2000-03)		0.359
4.	Adrianna Stasiuk		0.325
5.	Alicia Turner (1989-92)		0.301
6.	Ashley Tarutis		0.296
7.	Lauren Kelbley		0.282
8.	Mary Kay Waller (1985-88)		0.280

Digs

1.	Christy Peters (1991-94)		1,640
2.	Meg Henican		1,457

Dig Average (min. 500 digs)

1.	Meg Henican		3.94
2.	Christy Peters (1991-94)		3.72
3.	Adrianna Stasiuk		3.39
4.	Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)		2.96

Total Blocks

1.	Mary Kay Walters (1985-88)		.699
2.	Lauren Brewster		.638
9.	Malinda Goralski (1998-2001)		.402
10.	Lauren Kelbley		.383

Solo Blocks

4.	Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)		.107
5.	Lauren Brewster		.101

Block Assists

1.	Lauren Brewster		.537
2.	Mary Leffers (1996-99)		.516

Block Average

1.	Mary Kay Waller (1985-88)		1.68
2.	Lauren Brewster		1.65
3.	Mary Leffers (1996-99)		1.45
7.	Jennifer Rouse (1993-96)		1.11
8.	Carolyn Cooper		1.04
9.	Cynthia May (1989-92)		1.02
10.	Zanette Bennett (1985-88)		1.014
11.	Lauren Kelbley		1.007

2004 — is fourth with an average of 4.54 per game, while Stasiuk, who missed the first three matches of the season, ranks fifth at 4.25. Sophomore S **Ashley Tarutis** (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) is averaging 2.55 per game, while junior DS/L **Danielle Herndon** (Plant City, Fla./Durant H.S.) is at 2.53 per game.

WIDE RECEIVERS: Notre Dame's serve-receiving corps has allowed just 55 aces in 74 games this season, an average of 0.74 per game (the Irish record is 0.94 in 2003). ND has not allowed an ace in 40 games (54%), and the Irish held Syracuse — which led the BIG EAST — without an ace in a 3-0 win on Sept. 30. The Irish are led by senior co-captain L/OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.), who has taken 49% of the opposing serves this season and has made just 15 errors for a 98.1% reception percentage. That included a streak of 238 in a row without an error from Sept. 25-Oct. 15. Sophomore OH/L **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) is next, having taken 31% of the serves with a 97.2% success ratio, while junior DS **Danielle Herndon** (Plant City, Fla./Durant H.S.) is at 97.0%. The Irish are coming off the two best serve-receiving seasons in program history, having surrendered a program-record 0.94 aces per game in 2003 before allowing 0.96 last year.

SERVE IT UP: Notre Dame has been a prolific squad at the service line this season, as the Irish have 126 aces (1.70) and just 157 service errors (2.12). The ace-to-error ratio of 0.829 would rank as the second-best output in program history, behind only the 1996 (1.03) team. The Irish have had more aces than errors in eight matches. Leading Notre Dame is senior OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.), who is fifth in the BIG EAST in aces (35, 0.47). Sophomore S **Ashley Tarutis** (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) is averaging 0.30 per game (22 aces), while senior MB **Carolyn Cooper** (Houston, Texas/Lutheran South Academy) is at 0.23 and senior L/OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) is at 0.22. None of the top three have more errors than aces this season, as Cooper leads the way with 17 aces and 12 errors for a 1.42 ratio, while Tarutis is at 1.16, and Kelbley is at 1.13.

QUICK BIG EAST START: Notre Dame has continued its tradition of quick starts in BIG EAST Conference play, opening 10-0. It is the ninth time in 11 years of league membership (not '98 or '04) that the Irish have started BIG EAST action with a 10-0 mark.

IRISH HIT .522 AT DePAUL, INCLUDING .812 IN FINAL GAME: On Oct. 15, Notre Dame posted its highest hitting percentage in a match in 20 years and its second-best all-time, finishing with 53 kills and six errors on 90 attempts for a .522 mark in a three-game win at DePaul. The only better hitting match in the 26-year history of the program came on Oct. 3, 1986, against Marquette, when ND hit .539. In game three, which ND won 30-10, the Irish had 14 kills and just one error on 16 swings (DePaul dug just one ball) for an .812 hitting mark. It is the highest in the 15-year **Debbie Brown** era (previous records inconclusive). The prior high was .750 (9-0-12) in game one against DePaul on Sept. 26, 1995.

IRISH CLINCH 11th STRAIGHT BERTH IN BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP: Notre Dame, which stands 10-0 in BIG EAST play with four matches remaining, already has clinched one of the eight spots in the 2005 BIG EAST Conference Championship, set for Nov. 18-20 at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Ky., as early as Friday. The Irish have been in the title match of the BIG EAST tournament every year since joining the conference in 1995, winning eight championships.

THE BIG EAST'S DYNAMIC DUO: Louisville and Notre Dame — picked by league coaches to finish first and second, respectively, in the BIG EAST Conference this season — have already combined to make some league history. On Sept. 5, the Irish moved into the AVCA poll at 19th, joining the 11th-ranked Cardinals to mark the first time ever that two BIG EAST schools were nationally-ranked in volleyball at the same time. The following week, the teams took it one step further, as Notre Dame rose to eighth in the AVCA rankings and Louisville was right behind at ninth. It was the first time that the BIG EAST has had two of the top 10 volleyball teams in the country.

WINNING THE CLOSE ONES: Perhaps the most notable characteristic of this year's Irish team has been an ability to win close games. On the season, Notre Dame is 26-8 (.764) in games decided by four points or fewer (8-0 in the UTSA Dome Rally), including winning all three games against #6 Florida by exactly two points and winning three games over #6 Louisville by a combined seven points.

GIANT KILLERS: The five-member class of 2006 is just the second group in Notre Dame history to have upset at least one top-15 team in each of its four seasons playing for the Irish. The current seniors topped #10 Pepperdine in 2002, #10 Arizona in '03, #14 Utah a year ago, and #11 Texas, #8 USC, and #6 Florida this season. The only other class to do that was the duo of OH **Brett Hensel** and S **Shannon Tuttle**, which graduated in 1996 after being part of teams that beat #13 New Mexico in 1992, #9 Illinois, #3 Nebraska, and #8 Nebraska in '93, #15 Colorado and #9 Florida in '94, and #9 USC as well as #15 Colorado twice in '95.

IRISH CHAMPIONS AGAIN: Notre Dame won a pair of five-game matches (vs. #11 Texas and Arizona State) to win the championship of The Inn at Saint Mary's Shamrock Invitational for the fifth consecutive time and eighth time in 11 all-time tournaments. It meant that 2005 is the sixth consecutive season in which the Irish have captured at least one in-season tournament championship. Last season, they won both the Cal Poly Invitational and the Baden Thanksgiving Tournament in Long Beach, Calif. In 2003, Notre Dame won both the Longhorn Classic in Austin, Texas, and its own

Shamrock Invitational. The Irish also won the Shamrock Invitational from 2000-02 and were the champions of the 2000 Lady Seminole Classic in Tallahassee, Fla., and the '02 Golden Dome Invitational at home. Notre Dame also was the only 3-0 team in this season's UTSA Dome Rally, though there was no champion declared.

A SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER: Notre Dame finished the month of September with a 10-1 record, marking the fourth time in program history — and second time in three seasons — the Irish were beaten just one time in the month. ND also was 14-1 in 1994, 12-1 in '95, and 8-1 in 2003. This September also marked just the third time in program history that the Irish beat a trio of nationally-ranked teams in the same month. Notre Dame also did that in Septembers of both 1993 (four wins: #3 Nebraska, #9 Illinois, #24 Washington, #24 New Mexico) and '95 (#9 USC, #15 Colorado, #15 Colorado).

KNOCKING THEM OFF: In the 26-year history of Notre Dame volleyball, the Irish have knocked off teams ranked among the national top 12 on a dozen occasions, with four of those upsets coming already this season. See below a list of the top all-time Irish victories, sorted by ranking of the opponent.

Rk.	School	Date	Location	ND Rk.	Score	Game Scores (ND first)
3	Nebraska	9/25/93	H	14	3-1	15-8, 15-7, 3-15, 15-10
6	Louisville	10/29/05	H	7	3-1	30-28, 30-28, 27-30, 30-27
6	Florida	9/11/05	San Antonio, TX	19	3-0	30-28, 31-29, 30-28
7	Kentucky	10/8/88	A	--	3-1	15-13, 12-15, 15-9, 16-14
8	USC	9/9/05	San Antonio, TX	19	3-1	23-30, 32-30, 30-26, 30-27
8	Nebraska	12/2/93	H/NCAA	17	3-0	15-11, 15-10, 15-8
9	USC	9/2/95	H	11	3-1	15-2, 11-15, 15-13, 15-6
9	Florida	10/26/94	A	12	3-1	9-15, 15-8, 15-8, 15-7
9	Illinois	9/10/93	Chicago, IL	19	3-2	15-13, 8-15, 13-15, 15-6, 15-13
10	Arizona	8/29/03	Malibu, CA	--	3-1	30-18, 28-30, 30-20, 30-26
10	Pepperdine	9/14/02	H	--	3-2	30-32, 30-24, 29-31, 30-25, 15-10
11	Texas	9/3/05	H	--	3-2	30-21, 31-29, 28-30, 22-30, 15-10

RANKED WINS: See below the list of most wins over nationally-ranked teams in a season for Notre Dame:

Year	Wins	Opponents
1993	5	#24 Washington (9/7), #9 Illinois (9/10), #24 New Mexico (9/18), #3 Nebraska (9/25), #8 Nebraska (12/2)
2005	4	#11 Texas (9/3), #8 USC (9/9), #6 Florida (9/11), #6 Louisville (10/29)
1995	3	#9 USC (9/2), #15 Colorado (9/23), #15 Colorado (9/24)
1994	3	#15 Colorado (9/15), #15 Texas (10/14), #9 Florida (10/26)
1992	3	#17 Kentucky (9/5), #13 New Mexico (10/18), #21 Hawai'i (10/22)
1988	3	#7 Kentucky (10/8), #14 Pacific (10/18), #20 Penn State (12/3)
2000	2	#15 Brigham Young (9/2), #22 Loyola Marymount (9/21)
1991	2	#16 Ohio State (9/13), #20 Louisville (10/30)

FINISHING OFF GAMES: Notre Dame has saved its best volleyball for the ends of games this season. See below some examples.

Opponent	Game	Was	Final	Notes
#11 Texas	2	27-28 & 28-29	31-29	ND saves game point and gets block by Brewster on Dariam Acevedo on game point to to up 2-0
#11 Texas	5	6-8	15-10	Brewster has 3 kills and 2 blocks in final 11 points to give ND upset; 7-pt. run on Kelbley's serve
Arizona State	5	5-5	15-10	ND has 7 kills in final 15 points to stave off upset bid less than 24 hours after upsetting Texas
#8 USC	2	16-22 & 27-29	32-30	9 K, 3 B, 1 SA after 22-16; 2 kills from Kelbley at 27-29; Cooper kill, Henican solo block at 30-30
#8 USC	3	4-12 & 24-24	30-26	8 points on Kelbley's serve to go up 13-12; Kills from Kelbley on 3 of last 4 points after 27-25
Oklahoma	1	28-28	30-28	Block by Cooper and Kelbley and error by Eliane Santos; ND playing 16 hrs. after beating USC
Oklahoma	2	11-16 & 27-26	30-27	Kills by Stasiuk and Cooper (match point) and OU error put ND up 2-0
#6 Florida	1	28-28	30-28	Kills by Croal and Kelbley to end game after Florida scored four straight to tie score
#6 Florida	2	29-29	31-29	Kill by Henican and attack error by Amber McCray put ND up 2-0
#6 Florida	3	28-28	30-28	Kill and solo block by Kelbley hand Florida its first 3-0 loss in more than two years
Tulane	1	4-12 & 21-21	30-23	9-2 run to end game; ND had six aces in second half of game
LSU	3	23-23	30-23	Stasiuk serve keys 7-0 run to end game, which included 2 Croal kills & 2 blocks (Kelbley/Tarutis)
LSU	4	27-26	30-26	Kills by Cooper and Kelbley and LSU error force fifth game
LSU	5	6-10	18-20	ND saves four match points and fails to convert on one of its own before dropping tight match
Seton Hall	3	24-24	30-26	ND completes sweep; Kelbley had two kills during the run, plus a block (w/Cooper) on match point
Loyola Chicago	3	1-11	30-24	ND uses 16-2 run to take control after facing largest deficit of season
Valparaiso	1	27-29	34-32	ND saves 4 game points and gets two kills by Stasiuk at 32-32 for first two-point lead of game
#6 Louisville	1	26-26	30-28	Kill by Brewster ignites run, which also includes Henican ace and Stasiuk kill on game point
#6 Louisville	2	27-26	30-28	Brewster gets kills on three of final five points of game to put ND up 2-0
#6 Louisville	4	25-25	30-27	Kills by Brewster and Kelbley give ND control of game; Stasiuk gets kill on match point

BIG POINTS MAKE BIG SEASONS: See below a list of some of the most important points that have led to Notre Dame's success this season:

Opponent	Game	Score	Result/Notes
#11 Texas	2 (ND 1-0)	30-29	Solo block by Brewster on Dariam Acevedo; ND goes up 2-0 after being down 29-28
#11 Texas	5	6-8	Kill by Cooper, assist by Tarutis; ignites 8-0 run that put ND in control of game
#11 Texas	5	14-10	Kill by Brewster, assist by Tarutis; ND converts on third game point to upset Longhorns
Arizona State	5	5-5	Solo block by Croal on Colette Meek; sparks 10-5 match-ending run; ND survives scare 1 day after UT win
#8 USC	2 (SC 1-0)	27-29	Kill by Kelbley, assist by Tarutis; ND one point away from going down 2-games-to-0
#8 USC	2 (SC 1-0)	28-29	Kill by Kelbley, assist by Tarutis; ND saves game point #2; seventh kill of game for Kelbley
#8 USC	2 (SC 1-0)	30-30	Kill by Cooper, assist by Tarutis; only kill of game for Cooper (was 1 K, 1 E, 8 AT to that point in match)
#8 USC	2 (SC 1-0)	31-30	Solo block by 5-10 Henican on 6-3 Staci Venski (20 kills in match); 14th career solo block for Henican
#8 USC	4 (ND 2-1)	29-27	Kill by Kelbley, assist by Tarutis; ND converts on third match point for first win over Trojans since 1995
Oklahoma	1	28-28	Block by Cooper and Kelbley; gives ND game point (converted); Irish playing 16 hrs. after beating #8 USC
#6 Florida	1	28-28	Kill by Croal, assist by Tarutis; stops 4-0 Florida run that tied score; gave ND game point

#6 Florida	1	29-28	Kill by Kelbley, assist by Tarutis; hands ND first game-one win ever against the Gators
#6 Florida	2 (ND 1-0)	29-29	Kill by Henican, assist by Tarutis; gives ND game point #3, which it converted to go up 2-0
#6 Florida	3 (ND 2-0)	28-28	Kill by Kelbley, assist by Tarutis; gives ND match point
#6 Florida	3 (ND 2-0)	29-28	Solo block by Kelbley on Marcie Hampton; UF swept for first time in 2+ yrs.; 2nd-highest-ranked win by ND
LSU	3 (LSU 2-0)	23-23	Kill by Brewster, assist by Tarutis; begins 7-0 run for ND to win game and avoid sweep
LSU	5	14-15	Kill by Henican, assist by Tarutis; erases the second of LSU's five match points
LSU	5	15-15	Block by Brewster and Croal; erases four-point final-game deficit and gives ND a match point
LSU	5	16-17	Kill by Brewster, assist by Tarutis; saves LSU match point #3
Valparaiso	1	28-29	Block by Brewster and Tarutis; saves game point #2
Valparaiso	1	29-30	Kill by Brewster, assist by Tarutis; saves game point #3
Valparaiso	1	30-31	Kill by Tarutis, assist by Henican; saves game point #4
Valparaiso	1	33-32	Kill by Stasiuk, assist by Tarutis; gives ND first two-point lead of match; Irish go on to 3-0 win
#6 Louisville	1	29-28	Kill by Stasiuk, assist by Tarutis; Irish convert on second game point
#6 Louisville	2	29-28	Kill by Brewster, assist by Tarutis; ND goes up 2-0 on Cardinals in battle of top-10 teams
#6 Louisville	4	29-27	Kill by Stasiuk, assist by Tarutis; ND completes victory in first matchup of top-7 teams in program history

NOTRE DAME WINS FIVE STRAIGHT FOR 15TH CONSECUTIVE SEASON: By prevailing in the opening five matches in 2005, Notre Dame made this the 15th consecutive season in which the Irish have had a winning streak of at least five matches, a span that covers every year since head coach **Debbie Brown** took over the program.

LET'S PLAY FIVE: In the Shamrock Invitational, Notre Dame beat both Texas and Arizona State in five-game matches before losing to LSU in the Nokia Sugar Bowl Classic. The Irish are 71-61 (.538) all-time in five-game affairs, including 9-8 (against some of the top programs in the country) since the current ND seniors stepped on campus. See below all of the 3-2 matches played by them.

Date	W/L	Opponent	Location	ND Rank	Opp. Rank	Game Scores (ND first)
9/18/05	L	Louisiana State	College Station, TX	8	--	28-30, 22-30, 30-23, 30-26, 18-20
9/4/05	W	Arizona State	H	--	--	30-20, 28-30, 21-30, 30-23, 15-10
9/3/05	W	Texas	H	--	11	30-21, 31-29, 28-30, 22-30, 15-10
11/27/04	W	Long Beach State	A	--	--	30-28, 22-30, 25-30, 30-22, 16-14
11/16/04	L	Northern Iowa	H	--	--	28-30, 30-28, 31-29, 22-30, 13-15
10/20/04	L	Brigham Young	A	--	--	31-29, 23-30, 30-20, 26-30, 11-15
10/13/04	W	Illinois State	H	--	--	30-25, 34-32, 25-30, 23-30, 15-10
9/10/04	W	Fresno State	San Luis Obispo, CA	--	--	30-21, 27-30, 30-20, 31-33, 15-12
9/7/04	L	Valparaiso	H	--	--	30-26, 24-30, 26-30, 30-24, 12-15
9/4/04	L	Nebraska	H	25	2	23-30, 30-26, 30-24, 19-30, 10-15
11/16/03	L	Pittsburgh	A	12	--	30-20, 26-30, 25-30, 30-13, 13-15
11/7/03	W	Virginia Tech	H	12	--	30-22, 25-30, 29-31, 30-24, 15-13
9/13/03	W	Utah	H	15	--	34-32, 16-30, 30-26, 26-30, 15-12
9/5/03	W	Houston	Austin, TX	21	--	24-30, 25-30, 30-21, 30-21, 15-11
11/15/02	L	Miami	A	--	--	25-30, 28-30, 30-25, 30-22, 7-15
9/18/02	L	Purdue	A	--	--	30-18, 31-29, 27-30, 26-30, 6-15
9/14/02	W	Pepperdine	H	--	10	30-32, 30-24, 29-31, 30-25, 15-10

NOT SO FAST, MY FRIEND: Three times this year — twice against top-15 teams — Notre Dame has been down game point, but come back to win the game. Once the Irish had a match point, but could not convert it en route to losing. See details of all four situations below.

Opponent	Game	Was	Final	Notes
#11 Texas	2 (ND 1-0)	28-29	31-29	Service error by Lauren Paolini ties score; solo block by Brewster on game point puts ND up 2-0
#8 USC	2 (SC 1-0)	27-29	32-30	Two kills by Kelbley erase game points to put USC up 2-0; Solo block by Henican ends 32-30 win
LSU	5	16-15	18-20	Croal error erases only ND match point; LSU finally converts on fifth match point for upset win
Valparaiso	1	27-29	34-32	ND saves four game points; back-to-back Stasiuk kills at 32-32 give Irish first 2-point lead of game

Notre Dame Player Notes ...

BIG EAST HONORS: See below a summary of Notre Dame's BIG EAST weekly honors in 2005 (POW - Player of the Week; ROW - Rookie of the Week):

Date	Player	Honor	Team Results	Individual Stats
8/29	Brewster	Honor Roll	d. Michigan (3-0)	3 GP, 16 K, .412, 1 SA, 6 B, 22 pts.
9/5	Brewster	POW	d. #11 Texas (3-2) & Arizona State (3-2)	10 GP, 46 K, .310, 15 B, 10 D, 56.5 pts.
9/5	Croal	ROW	d. #11 Texas (3-2) & Arizona State (3-2)	10 GP, 30 K, .212, 32 D, 5 B, 34.5 pts.
9/12	Brewster	POW	d. #8 USC (3-1), Oklahoma (3-0), #6 Florida (3-0)	10 GP, 52 K, .243, 18 B, 63.5 pts.
9/26	Tarutis	Honor Roll	d. Seton Hall (3-0)	3 GP, .319 team hitting, 40 A, 10 D
10/3	Kelbley	Honor Roll	d. Loyola Chicago (3-0), Syracuse (3-0), Marquette (3-1)	10 GP, 52 K, .413, 11 D, 9 B, 64 pts.
10/10	Brewster	Honor Roll	d. Valparaiso (3-0), St. John's (3-1), Connecticut (3-0)	10 GP, 44 K, .355, 11 D, 14 B, 55 pts.
10/17	Tarutis	Honor Roll	d. DePaul (3-0)	3 GP, .522 team hitting, 38 A, 2 K, .333, 4 D
10/24	Stasiuk	POW	d. Illinois State (3-1), South Florida (3-0), Georgetown (3-0)	10 GP, 43 K, .396, 39 D, 15 B, 57.5 pts.
10/31	Brewster	Honor Roll	d. #6 Louisville (3-1), Cincinnati (3-0)	7 GP, 29 K, .294, 10 B, 35.5 pts.

BREWSTER, KELBLEY UNMATCHED AMONG BIG EAST DUOS: Seniors MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) rank among the BIG EAST's top 10 in points, making ND the only squad with two on that list. Brewster is fourth at 5.23 per game, while Kelbley is seventh at 4.66.

BREWSTER, COOPER AMONG TOP THREE BLOCKERS IN BIG EAST: Seniors MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and MB/OPP **Carolyn Cooper** (Houston, Texas/Lutheran South Academy) enter the week ranked first and fourth in the BIG EAST Conference blocking leaders, averaging 1.57 and 1.36, respectively. Brewster has finished first in the BIG EAST in blocking both in overall and conference matches in each of the last three years, also taking the NCAA blocking crown in 2003. Cooper and Brewster have the Irish atop the team conference leaders in block-

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Percentage of Games Played

T1.	14 players1.000
T1.	Brewster, Kelbley, Cooper(67-67) 1.000
T1.	Henican, Tarutis, Herndon	.....(67-67) 1.000
	<u>Kill Average</u>	
7.	Angie Harris (1997)	..... 4.21
8.	Lauren Brewster	..... 4.07
9.	Zanette Bennett (1987)	..... 4.03
	<u>Consecutive Matches With a Double-Double</u>	
2.	Christi Girton (1998)	..... 6
T3.	Peters (1993), Bennett (1987), Girton (1999)	..... 4
T3.	Adrianna Stasiuk (10/2-10/9/05)	..... 4
	<u>Assist Average</u>	
2.	Carey May (1995)	.....13.47
3.	Ashley Tarutis	.....12.70
4.	Carey May (1996)	.....12.68
	<u>Service Ace Average</u>	
6.	Nicole Coates (1992)	.....0.46
7.	Lauren Kelbley	.....0.45
8.	Nicole Coates (1993)	.....0.41
	<u>Dig Average</u>	
1.	Meg Henican (2004)	.....4.94
2.	Meg Henican	.....4.51
3.	Adrianna Stasiuk	.....4.30
4.	Christy Peters (1993)	.....4.10
	<u>Block Average</u>	
7.	Mary Kay Waller (1985)	.....1.66
8.	Lauren Brewster	.....1.58
9.	Mary Kay Waller (1986)	.....1.55
10.	Lauren Brewster (2004)	.....1.54
	<u>TEAM – SEASON</u>	
	<u>Consecutive Victories</u>	
2.	Sept. 17-Nov. 9, 2003	.....14
3.	Oct. 26-Nov. 20, 1994	.....12
T4.	9/1-15/94 & 10/20-11/19/00	.....11
T4.	Sept. 25-Oct. 17, 2005	.....11
	<u>Consecutive Wins On Opponent's Court</u>	
T1.	Nov. 2, 1991-Sept. 26, 1992	.....8
T1.	Sept. 16-Oct. 17, 2005	.....8
	<u>Best Start (One Loss)</u>	
1.	1994	.....20-1
2.	2005	.....18-1
	<u>Winning Percentage</u>	
1.	2005	.....(18-1) .947
2.	1994	.....(33-4) .892
	<u>Home Record</u>	
T1.	1994 (17-0), 2001 (12-0)	.....1.000
T1.	2005	.....(7-0) 1.000
	<u>Record on Opponent's Court</u>	
1.	2005	.....(8-0) 1.000
2.	1994	.....(11-2) .846
	<u>Record in Five-Game Matches</u>	
3.	1993	.....(5-2) .714
T4.	1987	.....(4-2) .667
T4.	2005	.....(2-1) .667
	<u>Kill Average</u>	
3.	1995	.....16.32
4.	2005	.....15.90
5.	2002	.....15.68
	<u>Service Ace Average</u>	
4.	2000	.....1.71
5.	1995	.....1.69
–	2005	.....1.67
	<u>Low Service Error Average</u>	
4.	2004	.....2.223
5.	2005	.....2.224
6.	1999	.....2.26
	<u>Low Service Ace-to-Error Ratio</u>	
1.	1996	.....1.030
2.	1992	.....0.757
3.	2005	.....0.752
4.	1994	.....0.727
	<u>Dig Average</u>	
1.	2005	.....18.25
2.	1992	.....18.23
3.	1991	.....17.06
	<u>Block Average</u>	
2.	2002	.....3.66
3.	2005	.....3.64
4.	1988	.....3.57
	<u>Low Opponent Attack Percentage</u>	
1.	1986	......151
2.	2005	......152
3.	2001	......157
	<u>Low Opponent Service Ace Average</u>	
1.	2005	.....0.78
2.	2003	.....0.94

ing (3.55), as well as fifth nationally. Brewster is 13th in the individual NCAA leaders.

HENICAN, STASIUK IN BIG EAST TOP FIVE IN DIGS: Senior co-captain L/OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) and sophomore OH/L **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) rank fourth and fifth, respectively, among the BIG EAST leaders in dig average, at 4.54 and 4.25 per game. No other school has multiple players in the top 10, and Stasiuk is the only non-libero in the leaders.

TREMENDOUS TARUTIS: Sophomore setter **Ashley Tarutis** (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) entered the week ranking first in the BIG EAST Conference in assists per game, at 12.92. She also has put her offense first in the conference-only leaders in kills per game (17.18).

BREWSTER, STASIUK BOTH POUND 20 KILLS vs. #6 LOUISVILLE: Sophomore OH **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) and senior All-American MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) turned in 21 and 20 kills, respectively, in Notre Dame's four-game victory against #6 Louisville on Oct. 29. They were the first Irish duo to pound 20 kills apiece in the same match since Brewster and current senior OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) registered 22 each in a five-game win against Virginia Tech on Nov. 7, 2003. It was just the eighth time in program history that two Notre Dame players have had 20 kills in a match shorter than five games, with the most-recent occurrence coming on Oct. 8, 2000, when **Christi Girton** had 30 and **Kristy Kreher** accounted for 22 in a four-game win at Pittsburgh.

BREWSTER NAMED NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Senior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) was named the CVU.com National Player of the Week by the Collegiate Volleyball Update on Sept. 6. It came on the heels of her being named the MVP of The Inn at Saint Mary's Shamrock Invitational and the BIG EAST Player of the Week after leading the Irish to five-game victories against #11 Texas and Arizona State over the weekend to claim the tournament title. Brewster was the first Notre Dame player ever to earn the honor (sophomore OH **Adrianna Stasiuk** won it on Oct. 24) and the second to be tabbed national player of the week by any organization. The only two-time All-American in Irish history, OH **Christy Peters**, was recognized by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) on Sept. 27, 1993, after leading 14th-ranked Notre Dame to a three-game upset of #3 Nebraska in the Golden Dome Invitational, a victory that remains the highest-ranked win ever for the Irish. Brewster was the top Irish performer in both game fives in the Shamrock Invitational, combining for 10 kills on .381 hitting to go with four digs and two blocks in those decisive frames. For the tournament, Brewster led all players in both kills (46, 4.60 per game) and blocks (15, 1.50 per game) and was second in hitting percentage (.310). She also had 10 digs (1.00), two assists, and a service ace for 56.5 points (5.65).

HENICAN BACK IN LIBERO JERSEY: Senior **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) has played 42 of the last 43 games in the libero jersey after starting the season at outside hitter. As the Irish libero, she is averaging 5.26 digs (218 total) and has made just eight reception errors in 481 attempts (.983).

IRISH 35-3 WHEN COOPER STARTS: Notre Dame has posted a 35-3 record when current senior MB/OPP **Carolyn Cooper** (Houston, Texas/Lutheran South Academy) is in the starting lineup, 1-0 in 2003, 16-2 in '04, and 18-1 this season.

CROAL'S KILLS: In the five-game loss to Louisiana State, freshman **Mallorie Croal** (Villa Park, Calif./Mater Dei H.S.) had 19 kills. It was the most by an Irish rookie since **Emily Loomis** had 19 against Georgetown on Sept. 30, 2001.

BREWSTER HITS 1,300 KILLS, KELBLEY NEARS IT: Senior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) posted the 1,300th kill of her career on Oct. 29 against #6 Louisville, becoming the sixth Irish player to reach that mark, as well as the only one who was primarily a middle blocker. Her classmate, OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.), enters the week just seven kills away from joining her teammate in the 1,300-kill club. Only one set of classmates — **Angie Harris** and **Jaimie Lee** (1994-97) — has accomplished that feat before.

HENICAN ON PACE TO BREAK ND CAREER DIG AVERAGE RECORD: Senior co-captain L/OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) heads into this weekend averaging 3.95 digs per game throughout her career, which is on pace to break the Notre Dame record of 3.72 by **Christy Peters** (1991-94). She also needs 149 digs to reach Peters' record for career digs (1,640).

BREWSTER BREAKS ND CAREER RECORD FOR BLOCK ASSISTS, NEARS TOTAL BLOCKS MARK: Senior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) broke the Notre Dame career record for block assists with her first one against DePaul on Oct. 15. That allowed her to pass former record holder **Mary Leffers**, who had 516 from 1996-99. Brewster enters the weekend with 537. She also stands second on the Irish lists for career block average (1.64, record is 1.68 by Mary Kay Waller) and total blocks. She is 51 blocks shy of Waller's (1985-88) record of 699.

TARUTIS GETS 2,000th ASSIST: Sophomore setter **Ashley Tarutis** (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) brought her career assist total to 2,000 with her final one against Georgetown on Sunday. She is the sixth Notre Dame player to record 2,000 career assists.

JUST CALL HER "MISS GAME FIVE": Senior co-captain MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) was outstanding in the two game fives in The Inn at Saint Mary's Shamrock Invitational, posting 10 kills on .381 hitting to go with four digs and two blocks. Throughout her career in fifth games, Brewster is averaging 2.60 kills per game on .304 hitting (39-15-79) to go with 18 digs and 12 blocks for 45.5 points (3.03). [Note: Statistics unavailable from two game fives.]

IRON WOMAN I: Senior co-captain L/OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) enters the weekend having played in each of the last 313 Irish games, the longest streak ever by a Notre Dame volleyball player. She played in just two of five games against Miami on Nov. 15, 2002, but then finished out that campaign and then appeared in every game in both 2003 and '04 and all 67 thus far this season. She is the only Irish player ever to play in every game in consecutive seasons.

IRON WOMAN II: Senior co-captain MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) has played in all 113 Notre Dame matches since joining the team in 2002, starting 97 of them. She has a chance to be the third Irish player ever to play in every match during her career, following in the footsteps of **Janelle Karlan** (1990-93, 145 matches) and **Jenny Birkner** (1993-96, 140 matches).

BREWSTER'S ASU OUTPUT AMONG BEST EVER BY AN IRISH MB: Senior co-captain MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) had 28 kills against Arizona State on Sunday. Only once has a Notre Dame middle blocker had more kills in a match. See below the list of top kill totals by Irish middles:

Kills	Name	Date	Games	Opponent
31	Zanette Bennett	9/19/87	5	vs. Cincinnati (at Richmond, KY)
28	Lauren Brewster	9/4/05	5	vs. Arizona State
28	Molly Stark	10/23/93	5	at Northern Arizona
28	Zanette Bennett	10/24/87	4	vs. Wisconsin

... AND MOST IN THE JOYCE CENTER BY ANY PLAYER SINCE 2000: The 28 kills by senior co-captain MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) against Arizona State on Sunday were the most in the Joyce Center by any player since Sept. 21, 2000, when Loyola Marymount's Sarah McFarland had 45 (on 111 attempts, which still stands as an NCAA record for a four-game match) and **Kristy Kreher** of Notre Dame posted 32 in a four-game Irish triumph.

ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS: See below a summary of Notre Dame's all-tournament honors in 2005:

Player	Tournament	Honor	Team Results	Individual Stats
Brewster	Shamrock Invitational	MVP	d. #11 Texas (3-2) & Arizona State (3-2)	10 GP, 46 K, .310, 15 B, 10 D, 56.5 pts.
Croal	Shamrock Invitational	All-Tournament	d. #11 Texas (3-2) & Arizona State (3-2)	10 GP, 30 K, .212, 32 D, 5 B, 34.5 pts.
Henican	Shamrock Invitational	All-Tournament	d. #11 Texas (3-2) & Arizona State (3-2)	10 GP, 22 K, 34 D, 9 B, 29.5 pts.
Tarutis	Shamrock Invitational	All-Tournament	d. #11 Texas (3-2) & Arizona State (3-2)	10 GP, 116 A, 28 D
Brewster	UTSA Dome Rally	MVP	d. #8 USC (3-1), Oklahoma (3-0), #6 Florida (3-0)	10 GP, 52 K, .243, 18 B, 63.5 pts.
Kelbley	UTSA Dome Rally	All-Tournament	d. #8 USC (3-1), Oklahoma (3-0), #6 Florida (3-0)	10 GP, 40 K, 5 SA, 10 B, 51 pts.

HENICAN, BREWSTER TABBED CO-CAPTAINS: Seniors MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and OH/L **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) will serve as Notre Dame's co-captains this season. Henican is back for her second season in the role, after serving as the lone captain during the 2004 campaign. She is the 10th multiple-year captain in program history and just the fourth to have been a solo captain in at least one of those seasons.

LOCAL INTEREST: Freshman DS/S **Madison Clark** (Sturgis H.S.) hails from Sturgis, Mich., which is just across the state line and less than 50 miles east of Notre Dame. She is the most-local player for the Irish volleyball team since South Bend native **Dyan Boulac** wound up her career in 1993.

TOGETHER AGAIN: Sophomore S **Ashley Tarutis** (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) and freshman OH **Mallorie Croal** (Villa Park, Calif./Mater Dei H.S.) are teammates once again with the Irish this season. Both played for the Golden West Volleyball Club prior to coming to Notre Dame, helping it to the bronze medal at the 2004 Junior National Olympics.

Miscellaneous Notes ...

IRISH MAKE MUCH AVCA POLL HISTORY: After knocking off #6 Florida and #8 USC en route to being the only 3-0 team in the UTSA Dome Rally (Sept. 9-11), Notre Dame jumped 11 spots to #8 in the CSTV/AVCA Division I Coaches Poll. The 11-place rise matched the largest single-week ascension ever for any team in the poll (BYU also moved from 19th before the NCAA tournament to eighth in the final poll in 1996). The two-poll jump of more than 17 spots (from unranked to eighth) by ND stands as the largest in the 24-year history of the AVCA poll. The previous record was the 1995 Oral Roberts team that was unranked heading into the NCAAs, then moved up to 19th after the first two rounds and 10th in the final poll. The largest two-poll jump in ND history prior to this came in 2003, when the Irish were unranked in the preseason, moved to 21st, and then to 15th. The previous best one-week movement came in 1997, when the Irish went from unranked heading into the NCAAs to 18th in the final poll. The ranking was the highest for the Irish since Sept. 3, 1996. On Oct. 31, Notre Dame moved up to a program-best fifth in the AVCA poll, making it the first school ever to crack the top five in the AVCA poll after beginning the year unranked. Twice before (Minnesota in 2002, Ohio State in '04) teams had peaked at sixth in the listing after being unranked in the regular season.

NOTRE DAME RANKS 15TH NATIONALLY IN HOME ATTENDANCE: Heading into the week, Notre Dame ranked 15th in Division I in home volleyball attendance this season, averaging 1,812 for the first nine home matches of the 2005 campaign. The season opener against Michigan drew 1,574 fans — the most ever for a campaign lidlifter and one of the top 100 crowds in the nation this year — and the crowd of 5,541 that watched ND beat South Florida on Oct. 21, just before the ND-BYU football pep rally, is the second-largest volleyball crowd in facility history (and 27th-largest in Division I this season). On Oct. 29, a crowd of 2,597 watched the Irish knock off #6 Louisville, which marked the second-largest non-pep rally crowd for volleyball in Joyce Center history. Overall, 11 of ND's 21 matches this season have been played in front of crowds of more than 1,000. Notre Dame has finished among the top 25 in home attendance in each of the last three years: 25th in 2002, 16th in '03, 17th in '04.

UPSET OF FLORIDA GIVES BROWN 350th WIN AT NOTRE DAME: The 3-0 victory over #6 Florida on Sept. 11 was the 350th for the Irish with **Debbie Brown** as head coach. Since first stepping onto campus in 1991, she holds a 362-119 (.752) record. She is easily the winningest coach in program history -- a status she first took over in 1995 -- having nearly twice as many victories as her closest competitor, **Art Lambert**, who was 127-87 in seven seasons from 1984-90. Brown is just the ninth head coach in Notre Dame athletics history -- in any sport -- to register 350+ victories while coach-

ing the Irish, joining Yves Auriol (men's and women's fencing), Mike DeCicco (men's and women's fencing), Tom Fallon (men's tennis and wrestling), Jake Kline (baseball), Paul Mainieri (baseball), Muffet McGraw (women's basketball), Liz Miller (softball), and Digger Phelps (men's basketball). Of that group, only Auriol and DeCicco hold higher winning percentages during their time at Notre Dame than Brown does.

HOME, SWEET HOME: Notre Dame's Joyce Center has become one of the most difficult places in the nation for road teams to win, especially since the arrival of head coach **Debbie Brown** in 1991. Over the last 14 years, Notre Dame has posted a 174-28 (.860) home record. The Irish have pieced together a variety of impressive winning streaks on their home floor, winning 14 or more in a row on five occasions, highlighted by streaks of 27 (1993-95) and 36 (2000-02) straight home victories. Notre Dame also won 74 in a row in regular-season action against conference opposition from 1991-2004. The Irish, who have topped 15 ranked teams – including five top-10 squads – at home, also hold a 164-9 (.948) record against unranked teams in the Joyce Center, including a 52-match winning streak. Notre Dame is 9-0 at home this year, including upsets of #11 Texas and #6 Louisville.

CLASS OF THE CONFERENCE: Notre Dame has experienced unprecedented success in the decade since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995. The Irish have compiled a 117-6 (.950) regular-season mark, highlighted by nine titles and winning streaks of 45 and 35 consecutive matches. Notre Dame is 65-1 (.984) in BIG EAST regular-season contests in the Joyce Center, and the Irish have won eight BIG EAST tournament championships, posting a 19-2 mark and reaching the final every year. Notre Dame also has dominated the conference awards, winning player-of-the-year honors six times, the coach-of-the-year award on four occasions, and the league tournament's most-outstanding-player award seven times. Also, Notre Dame student-athletes have garnered 35 all-conference accolades, including 21 first-team honors, which account for more than one-third of the first-team selections during the span. After being the preseason favorite 10 years in a row, the Irish were picked by the league head coaches to finish second to newcomer Louisville in 2005. Senior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) was chosen as the BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year, and she was joined on the preseason all-BIG EAST team by senior OH/MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.), a unanimous selection.

FIVE ND FALL TEAMS IN NATIONAL TOP 10: The volleyball team is not the only Notre Dame team off to a hot start, as five of the six Irish fall teams head into this week ranked among the national top 10. Women's cross country leads the way in the rankings at fourth, while women's soccer and men's cross country join volleyball at fifth, and football is eighth.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS: The Notre Dame women's volleyball team posted its highest grade-point average on record for an academic year in 2004-05 and was rewarded as a recipient of a Game Plan/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award. The Irish, who had a team GPA of 3.362, were one of just four Division I squads to earn the Team Academic Award and also win at least one match in the 2004 NCAA Championship (also Kansas State, Ohio, and Wichita State). The AVCA Team Academic Award honors college and high-school teams that display excellence in the classroom by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team GPA on a 4.0 scale. Notre Dame was one of 45 Division I programs to be so recognized. The Irish previously copped the honor in 2001-02 and 2002-03.

TV STARS: Notre Dame will be featured on television at least three times during the 2005 season. The Irish beat Texas on Sept. 3 in The Inn at Saint Mary's Shamrock Invitational in the Joyce Center, which was part of the AVCA's national match-of-the-week package on College Sports Television (CSTV). Also part of that package will be the BIG EAST Championship title match on Nov. 20 in Louisville (ND has played in that match all 10 seasons since becoming a league member). Additionally, the Irish will make their ESPNU debut on Oct. 30 against Cincinnati and then play host to Tennessee on Nov. 26 in the Irish Thanksgiving Invitational in a match to be televised by Comcast Sports Net. A year ago, Notre Dame was on TV three times in road matches (CSTV at South Carolina, Comcast at Michigan, BYU TV at Brigham Young). The Irish — who played host to Miami in 2003 in a CSTV match — are one of just 10 schools who have been on the regular-season slate of CSTV's match-of-the-week series in all three years since it debuted. The others are Colorado State, Florida, Hawai'i, Nebraska, Pepperdine, Santa Clara, Stanford, Texas, and Utah.

KEEPING UP WITH ND VOLLEYBALL: For the fastest results of Notre Dame volleyball matches, call the Notre Dame sports hotline at (574) 631-3000 and choose #5 and #1. The hotline provides schedules and result information for all Irish varsity sports and serves as a supplement to the match recaps and weekly releases provided on the official athletics website at www.und.com. The hotline is the first medium updated with results of each Notre Dame volleyball match. Once again, www.und.com will be the best place for in-depth coverage of Irish volleyball. Live scoring of all home matches, as well as live internet broadcasts of six contests supplement the regular match previews and recaps. In addition, media members and fans may be added to the sports information e-mail release list by contacting assistant sports information director Bo Rottenborn at Rottenborn.2@nd.edu. All requests for story ideas, interview access, match credentials, and further information on Irish volleyball should similarly be directed to Rottenborn. Credential and interview requests should be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Notre Dame Match-by-Match Leaders

Match	Kills	Pct. (min. 5 kills)	Digs	Blocks	Assists#	Aces	Points
Michigan	16-Brewster (1)	.412-Brewster (1)	22-Henican (1)	6-Brewster (1)	40	3-Heintzman (1)/Kelbley (1)	22-Brewster (1)
#11 Texas	18-Brewster (2)	.364-Cooper (1)	20-Hendon (1)	12-Brewster (2)	51	2-Kelbley (2)	25.5-Brewster (2)
Arizona State	28-Brewster (3)	.328-Brewster (2)	22-Croal (1)	4-Croal(1)/Kelb(1)/Cooper(1)	65	1-Henican/Kelb/Tarutis/Brew/Cooper	31-Brewster (3)
vs. #8 USC	25-Kelbley (1)	.300-Henican (1)	29-Stasiuk (1)	6-Brewster (3)	56	3-Kelbley (3)/Cooper (2)	29-Kelbley (1)
vs. Oklahoma	15-Brewster (4)	.333-Cooper (2)	12-Stasiuk (2)/Hendon (2)	10-Cooper (2)	33	2-Kelbley (4)	18-Brewster (4)
vs. #6 Florida	20-Brewster (5)	.455-Cooper (3)	24-Stasiuk (3)	7-Brewster (4)	46	1-Henican (1)/Cooper (3)	24.5-Brewster (5)
at Tulane	15-Kelbley (2)	.412-Kelbley (1)	19-Stasiuk (4)	6-Cooper (3)	36	3-Kelbley (5)/Tarutis (2)	21-Kelbley (2)
vs. LSU	19-Croal (1)	.208-Cooper (4)	24-Stasiuk (5)	6-Cooper (4)	53	3-Kelbley (6)	22.5-Croal (1)
Seton Hall	14-Brewster (6)	.448-Brewster (3)	17-Henican (2)	5-Cooper (5)/Stasiuk (1)	40	3-Stasiuk (1)	17.5-Brewster (6)
Loyola Chicago	24-Kelbley (3)	.688-Kelbley (2)	22-Henican (3)	5-Cooper (6)	41	4-Kelbley (7)	31-Kelbley (3)
at Syracuse	17-Croal (2)	.400-Croal (1)	26-Henican (4)	7-Brewster (5)	35	2-Brewster (2)	18-Croal (2)
at Marquette	16-Brewster (7)	.355-Stasiuk (1)	21-Stasiuk (6)	6-Cooper (7)	51	3-Tarutis (3)	19.5-Brewster (7)
Valparaiso	13-Kelbley (4)/Stasiuk (1)	.244-Stasiuk (2)	19-Henican (5)	7-Brewster (6)	40	1-Tarutis (4)/Henican (2)/Cooper (4)	16-Kelbley (4)/Brew (8)
at St. John's	17-Brewster (8)	.400-Cooper (5)	22-Henican (6)	3-Kelbley (2)/Cooper (8)	55	3-Henican (3)	19.5-Brewster (9)
at Connecticut	16-Brewster (9)	.500-Croal (2)	11-Stasiuk (7)	5-Cooper (9)/Brewster (7)	42	3-Cooper (5)	19.5-Brewster (10)
at DePaul	15-Brewster (10)	.636-Kelbley (3)	10-Henican (7)	5-Brewster (8)	38	2-Kelbley (8)/Stasiuk (2)	19.5-Brewster (11)
at Illinois State	20-Stasiuk (2)	.349-Stasiuk (3)	19-Henican (8)	8-Cooper (10)/Brewster (9)	51	1-Cooper (6)	22.5-Stasiuk (1)
South Florida	12-Brewster (11)	.625-Cooper (6)	13-Stasiuk (8)	4-Brewster (10)/Stasiuk (2)	39	2-Stasiuk (3)	14.5-Stasiuk (2)
Georgetown	14-Stasiuk (3)	.571-Brewster (4)	15-Henican (9)	8-Brewster (11)	38	1-Kelbley (9)/Tarutis (5)/Stasiuk (4)	20.5-Stasiuk (3)
#6 Louisville	21-Stasiuk (4)	.366-Brewster (5)	22-Henican (10)	2-Brewster (12)/Kelbley (3)	63	3-Kelbley (10)/Hendon (1)	22-Stasiuk (4)
Cincinnati	13-Kelbley (5)/Heintzman (1)	.357-Kelbley (4)	12-Henican (11)/Hern. (3)	8-Brewster (13)	43	2-Kelbley (11)/Coop (7)/Henican (4)	15-Kelb (5)/Heintz (1)

Note: Numbers in parentheses are number of times player has led Irish in that category this season.

- Ashley Tarutis has led Notre Dame in assists in every match this season.

Season Highs & Lows

In a Match

Category	ND High	ND Low	Opp. High	Opp. Low	ND Ind. High	Opp. Ind. High
Points	3G 94-Valparaiso	90-10 times	85-Florida	49-DePaul	--	--
Won	4G 118-Marquette & St. John's	115-USC	113-USC	101-ISU	--	--
	5G 128-Louisiana State	124-Arizona State	129-Louisiana State	113-Arizona State	--	--
Kills	3G 54-Florida & Georgetown	43-Tulane & Oklahoma	52-Florida	32-Georgetown	24-Kelbley (Loyola Chicago)	19-Bruzdinski, Michigan
	4G 66-3 times, MR: St. John's	58-ISU	77-St. John's	62-ISU	25-Kelbley (USC)	25-Huang, St. John's
	5G 83-Arizona State	60-Texas & Louisiana St.	85-Louisiana State	70-Arizona State	28-Brewster (Arizona State)	25-Mijatovic, Louisiana State
Attack	3G 21-Tulane & Valparaiso	6-DePaul & USF	33-Oklahoma	19-Connecticut	8-Brewster (Okla. & Tulane)	13-Santos, Oklahoma
Errors	4G 28-USC	19-ISU	36-ISU	28-St. John's	10-Kelbley (USC)	12-Staehlin, ISU
	5G 30-Texas & Louisiana St.	25-Arizona State	44-Louisiana State	20-Arizona State	12-Kelbley (Texas)	19-Mijatovic, Louisiana State
Attempts	3G 168-Florida	90-DePaul	161-Valparaiso	99-DePaul	44-Brewster (Oklahoma)	51-Bruzdinski, Michigan
	4G 201-USC	169-ISU	195-USC	169-Marquette	55-Kelbley (USC)	53-Venski, USC
	5G 218-Arizona State	181-Texas	224-Louisiana State	192-Texas	64-Brewster (Arizona State)	69-Mijatovic, Louisiana State
Hit %	3G .522-DePaul	.161-Tulane	.203-Connecticut	.043-Syracuse	.688-Kelbley (Loyola)	.562-Ingersoll, DePaul
	4G .260-St. John's	.189-USC	.266-St. John's	.141-ISU	.400-Cooper (St. John's)	.455-Huang, St. John's
	5G .266-Arizona State	.156-Louisiana State	.240-Arizona State	.177-Texas	.364-Cooper (Texas)	.538-Burnley, Texas
Assists	3G 50-Fla., Conn. & Gtown	37-Tulane	48-Florida	29-DePaul	46-Tarutis (Florida)	41-McGinnis, Florida
	4G 63-St. John's	55-ISU	73-St. John's	60-ISU	56-Tarutis (USC)	58-Lindsey, ISU
	5G 75-Arizona State	56-Texas & Louisiana St.	79-Louisiana State	65-Arizona State	65-Tarutis (Arizona State)	66-Moriarty, Texas
Aces	3G 12-Tulane	2-Florida	5-Seton Hall	0-Syracuse & Valpo	4-Kelbley (Loyola Chicago)	2-5 times, MR: Nelson, Gtown
	4G 8-USC & St. John's	1-ISU	5-USC	1-St. John's	3-4 times, MR: Henican (SJU)	2-Mueller, Marquette
	5G 8-Louisiana State	4-Texas	6-Louisiana State	2-Texas	3-Kelbley (Louisiana St.)	3-Reeves, Arizona State
Serve	3G 10-Oklahoma & Florida	3-Seton Hall	8-Fla., Tulane & Valpo	2-DePaul	3-4 times, MR: Kelbley (UConn)	3-2 times, MR: Bova, Valpo
Errors	4G 11-Marquette & ISU	7-St. John's	14-ISU	9-USC	4-Kelbley (Marquette)	5-Knowles, ISU
	5G 10-Texas	7-Louisiana State	18-Texas	11-Arizona State	4-Brewster (Texas)	6-Mijatovic, Louisiana State
Digs	3G 74-Florida	32-DePaul	76-Florida	24-DePaul	26-Henican (Syracuse)	29-Engel, Florida
	4G 83-USC	61-Marquette	90-USC	69-Marquette	29-Stasiuk (USC)	36-Seilhamer, USC
	5G 105-Arizona State	68-Texas	94-Arizona State	77-Texas	24-Stasiuk (Louisiana St.)	43-Donahue, Arizona State
Blocks	3G 17-Georgetown	10- 5 times, MR: USF	12-Florida	1-DePaul & Gtown	10-Cooper (Oklahoma)	6- Killingsworth, Fla./Stadel, Okl.
	4G 21.5-ISU	8-St. John's	9-USC & St. John's	5-ISU	10-Cooper (USC)	6-Blunt, St. John's
	5G 20-Texas	13-Louisiana State	18-Louisiana State	10.5-Arizona State	12-Brewster (Texas)	13-Kuzmic, Louisiana State
Points	3G 74.5-Loyola Chicago	63-Oklahoma & Tulane	66-Florida	36-DePaul	31-Kelbley (Loyola Chicago)	19.5-Bruzdinski, Michigan
	4G 86-USC	80.5-ISU	87-St. John's	71-ISU	29-Kelbley (USC)	26-Huang, St. John's
	5G 102-Arizona State	81-Louisiana State	109-Louisiana State	85.5-Arizona State	31-Brewster (Arizona State)	27-Mijatovic, Louisiana State

In a Game (fifth games not included)

Category	ND High	ND Low	Opp. High	Opp. Low	ND Ind. High	Opp. Ind. High
Points Won	34-Valparaiso (1st)	21-Arizona State (3rd)	32-Valparaiso (1st)	10-DePaul (3rd) & USF(1st)	--	--
Kills	24-Marquette (3rd)	9-Oklahoma (3rd)	24-Marquette (2nd)	5- USF (1st)	12-Kelbley (Loyola, 3rd)	10-Coughlin, Marquette (2nd)
Attack Errors	11-Marquette (4th)	1-5 times, MR: Gtown(1st)	16-Oklahoma (3rd)	2-Marquette (3rd)	4-6 times, MR: Heintzman (ISU)	8-Santos, Oklahoma (3rd)
Attack Attempts	62-Arizona State (2nd)	16-DePaul (3rd)	62-USC (2nd)	22-DePaul (3rd)	19-3 times, MR: Stasiuk (SJU)	20-Hampton, Florida (3rd)
Hitting %	.812-DePaul (3rd)	.026-USC (1st)	.419-Marquette (2nd)	-.227-DePaul (3rd)	1.00-Kelbley (DePaul, 3rd 5k)	.833-Ingersoll, DePaul (1st & 2nd)
Assists	21-Florida (3rd)	9-20 times	24-Marquette (2nd)	5-USF (1st)	20-Tarutis (Florida, 3rd)	21-2 times, MR: Lindsey, ISU (2nd)
Aces	6-Tulane (1st)	0-12 times, MR: Gtown	5-Arizona State (3rd)	0-34 times, MR: Gtown	4-Kelbley (Loyola, 2nd)	3-Reeves, Arizona State (3rd)
Serve Errors	5-Okla. (2nd) & Marq. (1st)	0-4 times, MR: SJU (3rd)	6-Texas (3rd) & ISU (3rd)	0-5 times, MR: USF	2-8 times, MR: Henican (SJU)	3-McDavid, ISU (1st)
Digs	31-Mich. (2nd); ASU (2nd)	3-DePaul (3rd)	32-Valparaiso (3rd)	1-DePaul (3rd)	13-2 times, MR: Stasiuk (MU)	14-Donahue, Arizona State (2nd)
Blocks	9-Oklahoma (3rd)	0-4 times, MR: SJU (4th)	7-LSU (1st)	0-10 times, MR: Gtown	8-Cooper (Oklahoma, 3rd)	7-Ivana Kuzmic, LSU (1st)
Points	27-Loyola (3rd) & Valpo (1st)	14-Texas (4th)	27-LSU (1st)	6-DePaul & USF (1st)	12.5-Kelbley (Loyola, 3rd)	10-Coughlin, MU (2nd)

In Fifth Games

Category	ND High	ND Low	Opp. High	Opp. Low	ND Ind. High	Opp. Ind. High
Points Won	18-LSU	15-Texas & Arizona St.	20-LSU	10-Texas & AZ St.	--	--
Kills	11-Arizona State	5-Texas & LSU	9-LSU	5-Texas	6-Brewster (Arizona State)	4-Skender, LSU
Attack Errors	11-LSU	2-Arizona State	10-LSU	2-Arizona State	4-Croal/Brewster (LSU)	4-Mijatovic, LSU
Attack Attempts	28-LSU	20-Arizona State	30-Texas	19-Arizona State	12-Brewster (Texas)	9-Skender, LSU
Hitting %	.450-Arizona State	-.214-LSU	.316-Arizona State	-.036-LSU	.556-Brewster (Ariz. State)	.667-Smith, Arizona State
Assists	10-Arizona State	5-Texas & LSU	9-LSU	5-Texas	9-Tarutis (Arizona State)	7-Melo, Arizona State
Aces	1-3 times, MR: LSU	1-Texas & Arizona State	1-Texas	0-2 times, MR: LSU	1-3 times, MR: Tarutis (LSU)	1-Magee, Texas
Serve Errors	1-Texas	0-ASU & LSU	2-Texas & LSU	0-Arizona State	1-Tarutis (Texas)	2-Mijatovic, LSU
Digs	16-Texas	8-Arizona State	16-Texas	6- LSU	5-Tarutis (Texas)	7-Jennings, Texas
Blocks	4-LSU	2-Arizona State	8-LSU	0-Arizona State	2-6 times, MR: LSU	4-Kuzmic, LSU
Points	14-Arizona State	9-Texas	17-LSU	7.5-Texas	6-Brewster (Arizona State)	5-Skender, LSU

The Last Time...

TEAM

... Notre Dame lost the first game in a win – 10/8/05, at St. John's
... Notre Dame lost the first 2 games in a win – 9/5/03, vs. Houston (@ Austin, TX) [lost 8 straight when losing first 2 games]
... Notre Dame was down 2-1 in a win – 9/3/05, vs. Texas
... Notre Dame won the first game in a loss – 10/20/04, at Brigham Young [won 20 straight when winning first game]
... Notre Dame won the first 2 games in a loss – 9/18/02, at Purdue [won 48 straight when winning first 2 games]
... Notre Dame was up 2-1 in a loss – 11/16/04, vs. Northern Iowa [won 4 straight when leading 2-1]
... Notre Dame beat a ranked opponent - 10/29/05, vs. #6 Louisville (3-1)
... Notre Dame beat a top-10 opponent - 10/29/05, vs. #6 Louisville (3-1)
... Notre Dame beat a top-five opponent - 9/25/93, vs. #3 Nebraska (3-1)

KILLS

... 5 Notre Dame players had 10+ kills - 9/10/04, vs. Fresno State (W, 3-2/San Luis Obispo, CA), Lauren Kelbley (17), Adrianna Stasiuk (15), Lauren Brewster (14), Emily Loomis (12), Ellen Heintzman (10)
... 3 Notre Dame players had 15+ kills - 9/4/05, vs. Arizona State (W, 3-2), Lauren Brewster (28), Lauren Kelbley (18), Mallorie Croal (15), Meg Henican (15)
... 4 Notre Dame players had 15+ kills - 9/4/05, vs. Arizona State (W, 3-2), Lauren Brewster (28), Lauren Kelbley (18), Mallorie Croal (15), Meg Henican (15)
... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills - 10/29/05, vs. #6 Louisville (W, 3-1), Adrianna Stasiuk (21), Lauren Brewster (20)
... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills with 0 errors - 9/9/03, vs. Valparaiso (W, 3-0), Emily Loomis (24)
... 2 Notre Dame players had 20+ kills - 10/29/05, vs. #6 Louisville (W, 3-1), Adrianna Stasiuk (21), Lauren Brewster (20)
... a Notre Dame player had 25+ kills - 9/9/05, vs. #8 USC (W, 3-1/@ San Antonio, TX), Lauren Kelbley (25)
... a Notre Dame player had 30+ kills - 10/29/00, at Connecticut (W, 3-2), Christi Girton (31)
... no Notre Dame players had 10+ kills - 10/31/04, at Villanova (W, 3-0), leader: Emily Loomis (9)
... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills and 20+ digs - 9/21/00, vs. Loyola Marymount (W, 3-1), Kristy Kreher (32 kills, 27 digs)
... a Notre Dame player had a triple-double - 10/13/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), Lauren Brewster (17 kills, 13 digs, 11 blocks) & Adrianna Stasiuk (14 kills, 11 digs, 11 blocks)

DIGS

... 5 Notre Dame players had 10+ digs - 9/4/05, vs. Arizona State (W, 3-2), Mallorie Croal (22), Meg Henican (21), Ashley Tarutis (18), Danielle Herndon (18), Lauren Kelbley (10)
... 3 Notre Dame players had 15+ digs - 9/4/05, vs. Arizona State (W, 3-2), Mallorie Croal (22), Meg Henican (21), Ashley Tarutis (18), Danielle Herndon (18)
... 4 Notre Dame players had 15+ digs - 9/4/05, vs. Arizona State (W, 3-2), Mallorie Croal (22), Meg Henican (21), Ashley Tarutis (18), Danielle Herndon (18)
... a Notre Dame player had 20+ digs - 10/29/05, vs. #6 Louisville (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (22)
... 2 Notre Dame players had 20+ digs - 9/4/05, vs. Arizona State (W, 3-2), Mallorie Croal (22), Meg Henican (21)
... a Notre Dame player had 25+ digs - 9/30/05, at Syracuse (W, 3-0), Meg Henican (26)
... a Notre Dame player had 30+ digs - 10/10/04, at Seton Hall (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (37)
... a Notre Dame player had 35+ digs - 10/10/04, at Seton Hall (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (37)
... Notre Dame had 80+ digs - 9/9/05, vs. #8 USC (W, 3-1/@ San Antonio, TX), 83
... Notre Dame had 90+ digs - 9/4/05, vs. Arizona State (W, 3-2), 105
... Notre Dame had 100+ digs - 9/4/05, vs. Arizona State (W, 3-2), 105

BLOCKS

... a Notre Dame player had 10+ blocks - 9/10/05, vs. Oklahoma (W, 3-0/@ San Antonio, TX), Carolyn Cooper (10)
... 2 Notre Dame players had 10+ blocks - 9/3/05, vs. #11 Texas (W, 3-2), Lauren Brewster (12), Carolyn Cooper (10)
... 3+ Notre Dame players had 10+ blocks - 10/13/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), Lauren Brewster (11), Emily Loomis (11), Adrianna Stasiuk (11), & Carolyn Cooper (10)
... a Notre Dame player had 4+ solo blocks - 10/23/05, vs. Georgetown (W, 3-0), Adrianna Stasiuk
... Notre Dame had 20+ blocks - 10/17/05, at Illinois State (W, 3-1), 21.5
... Notre Dame had 25+ blocks - 10/14/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), 25.5
... Notre Dame had 30+ blocks - 10/13/95, at Georgia Tech (L, 2-3), 32

ACES

... a Notre Dame player had 5+ aces - 9/19/04, at South Carolina (L, 1-3), Lauren Brewster (6)
... a Notre Dame player had 6+ aces - 9/19/04, at South Carolina (L, 1-3), Lauren Brewster (6)
... a Notre Dame player had 7+ aces - 10/20/95, vs. Syracuse (W, 3-0), Angie Harris (9)
... Notre Dame had 10+ aces - 9/16/05, at Tulane (W, 3-0), 12
... Notre Dame had 15+ aces - 9/19/04, at South Carolina (L, 1-3), 15
... Notre Dame did not have an ace - 10/9/99, at Rutgers (W, 3-0) [have had an ace in 191 straight since then]

HITTING PERCENTAGE

... a Notre Dame player hit .500+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 10/23/05, vs. Georgetown (W, 3-0), Lauren Brewster (10-2-14, .571)
... a Notre Dame player hit .600+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 10/15/05, at DePaul (W, 3-0), Lauren Kelbley (14-0-22, .636)
... a Notre Dame player hit .700+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 9/28/03, vs. Georgetown (W, 3-0), Lauren Kelbley (12-0-17, .706)
... a Notre Dame player hit .800+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 9/22/00, vs. Wyoming (W, 3-0), Malinda Goralski (10-0-12, .833)
... a Notre Dame player hit .900+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 10/19/92, at Evansville (W, 3-0), Marilyn Cragin (11-0-12, .917)
... Notre Dame hit over .400 as a team - 10/21/05, vs. South Florida (W, 3-0), .451 (52-6-102)
... Notre Dame hit over .500 as a team - 10/15/05, at DePaul (W, 3-0), .522 (53-6-90)
... Notre Dame hit .500+ as a team in a game - 10/15/05, at DePaul (W, 3-0), .812 (14-1-16) in 3rd game
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... a Notre Dame opponent hit over .300 as a team - 11/7/04, vs. Boston College (L, 0-3), .305 (46-10-118)
... a Notre Dame opponent hit over .350 as a team - 10/22/02, at #2 Hawai'i (L, 0-3), .373 (64-17-126)
... Notre Dame held an opponent under .100 team hitting - 10/23/05, vs. Georgetown (W, 3-0), .045 (32-26-132)
... Notre Dame held an opponent under .000 team hitting - 11/2/03, vs. Syracuse (W, 3-0), -.008
... Notre Dame hit less than .200 - 10/5/05, vs. Valparaiso (W, 3-0), .184 (50-21-158)
... Notre Dame hit less than .100 - 12/3/04, at Wisconsin (L, 0-3/NCAA 2nd round), -.015 (31-33-133)
... Notre Dame hit less than .150 & won - 10/31/04, at Villanova (W, 3-0), .115 (36-21-131)
... Notre Dame outhit the opponent & lost - 11/16/03, at Pittsburgh (L, 2-3), .215-.170 [won 37 straight when outhitting the opponent]

ASSISTS

... a Notre Dame player had 60+ assists - 10/29/05, vs. #6 Louisville (W, 3-1), Ashley Tarutis (65)
... a Notre Dame player had 70+ assists - 11/24/00, at #3 USC (L, 2-3), Denise Boylan (70)
... a Notre Dame player had 80+ assists - 10/8/00, at Pittsburgh (W, 3-1), Denise Boylan (86)
... a Notre Dame player had 90+ assists - 10/13/95, at #25 Georgia Tech (L, 2-3), Carey May (96)
... 2 Notre Dame players had 20+ assists - 9/1/04, vs. Loyola Chicago (W, 3-1), Ashley Tarutis (25) & Kelly Burrell (23)